



Organizing Evidence with Evidence Buckets

Task: Organize the evidence you have gathered by thinking about how it groups together and how outlying evidence might impact your argument.

Instructions:

1. Imagine you have 4-6 buckets, and in those buckets you need to try to fit all of your evidence. Each bucket represents one idea – but can hold as many pieces of evidence as support that idea
2. Look at the evidence you have gathered. How might you divide your evidence into smaller groups with similar ideas so that they can fit into a bucket together?

Place the evidence in up to six buckets.

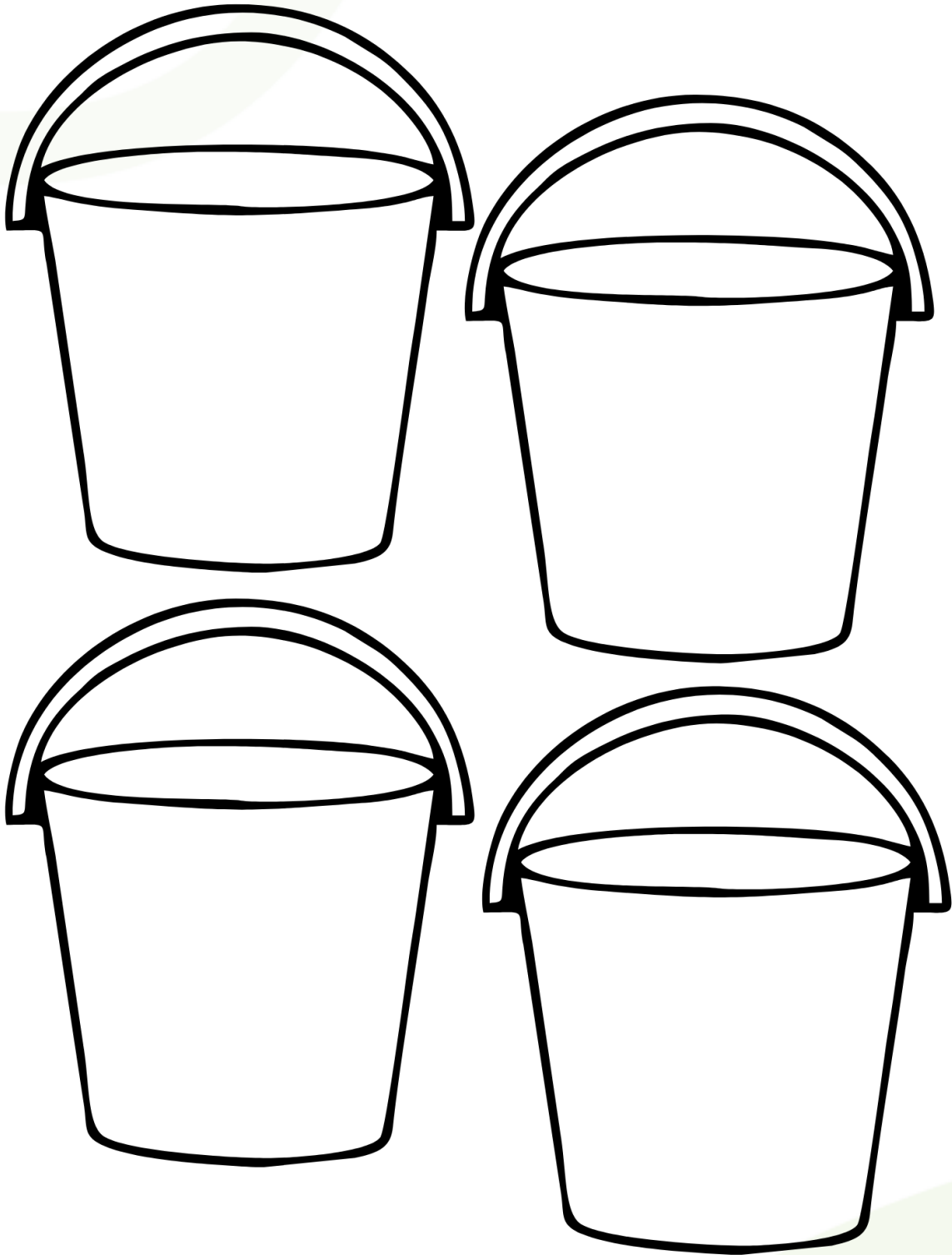
3. What name or label could you give to each bucket that would describe the content of the evidence that is in it?

Give each bucket a name.

4. What evidence doesn't really fit into any bucket? If you discover evidence that doesn't fit into any bucket, ask yourself:
 - Is this evidence actually necessary for my argument, or is it just interesting?
 - Am I trying to jam this into a bucket where it doesn't really belong, just so it has a home?
 - Does this evidence point to a bucket I haven't created yet?
 - Does this evidence indicate I might need to go find additional evidence to go with it in a new bucket?
 - Could I explain out loud why this evidence matters to my argument?
 - Is this evidence disagreeing with my other buckets rather than just failing to match them?
 - Is this a sign that one of my buckets is secretly two ideas?

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