

**Figure 5.6: The Four Cs to Defending Claims****Why do I and others care?**

Imagine the application of the mathematics concept to the real world or create a drawing on paper. Does it elicit emotion? Is it meaningful to you personally? Is it exciting?

Guiding question: Why must I defend this claim? What problem am I solving? What do I ultimately want to express?

**What are your criteria?**

Identify the criteria that you will use to align, measure, and critically assess your claim.

Guiding question: How will I know when I've successfully defended my claim?

**What critical elements are required?**

Identify the essential elements that, when brought together, will create the optimal sequence to best visibly express the ideals of the claim I'm making.

Guiding question: How well do these elements connect to successful criteria?

**What constraints bind this claim?**

Identify constraints that are a part of this claim. Evaluate the materials, resources, and time you have.

Guiding question: How will I leverage constraints to most effectively defend my claim?