

RACER GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Name: _____

<p>R Restate the question with key words.</p>	<p>R--Did you restate the claim/question in your own words? A--Does your answer to the claim/question express a main idea (a point you are going to prove)?</p>
<p>A Answer the question; give a thesis statement.</p>	<p>**These two work together! Basically, you restate the question being asked and provide the answer to that question. You MUST use the wording from the question when you "restate" it! **This is your introduction and topic sentence.** (Typically, this is more than one sentence!!)</p>
<p>C Cite your evidence from the text. The passage/author/piece/selection/text... “ ”</p>	<p>E Explain how your citations support your answer. This citation proves/shows/explains... because...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your sentence begin with something like: In the first paragraph, _____ the author says...The text states...The text describes...For example...The author explains... • Did you transition from your "A" (main idea sentence)? • Did you paraphrase in order to prove the claim? • Do you have explicit evidence (quotes) to prove the claim? • Do all the details address the question? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it begin with something like: This...shows that... This shows...This is because...This reveals... • Does it answer "Why?" and/or "How?" • Does it use some key words from the citation? • Does it explain fully, using because... ? • Does it reuse the (A) main idea with some new wording? • Did you make sure all parts connect?
<p>**These two make up the MOST IMPORTANT part!! You have to prove what you say is correct. How? It's simple! You provide specific details from the text read that helps support your answer. This is text evidence! **These are your supporting sentences.**</p>	
<p>S Sum up and rephrase to end your response.</p>	<p>S--Did you revisit your answer, rephrase your topic sentence/reasoning and wrap it all up? **The conclusion is the easy part! All you have to do is wrap-up your answer. It may help to remember that you should refer back to your reason for writing (that's the question) in your conclusion. **This is your concluding sentence.**</p>

Restate--Use the question stem to begin response.

Answer--Write a complete and correct answer.

Cite--Prove it! Identify where the answer is found.

Sentence Starters

- The text states...
- On page...
- The picture...
- The graph...
- I connected...
- I tested...
- I know this because...
- I observed...
- I learned in class...

Answers can come from

- Textbook
- Text/Selection/Piece
- Dictionary
- Class discussion
- Your own brain (w/ support)
- Class notes
- Expert
- A reliable Internet source

Elaborate/Extend--Use background knowledge, experience, and connections to build on the answer.

- ✓ I can connect this to (self, text, world)...
- ✓ My reasoning is...
- ✓ I observed...
- ✓ Meaningful diagram/illustration
- ✓ This makes me think of...
- ✓ This compares/contrasts to...
- ✓ Now I wonder...
- ✓ A new question this makes me think of is...
- ✓ I can relate to this because...
- ✓ During our investigation, we...
- ✓ At first, _____, but now, _____.
- ✓ I figured this out because...

Sum up your thoughts. Bring your response to an end. Without saying, "this is my response" or something similar.

- ✓ I believe...
- ✓ I think...
- ✓ I claim...
- ✓ This is why I...