



RACE Mnemonic for Constructed Responses

Restate the Claim

Answer the Claim

Cite Evidence

Explain the Answer



RACE Graphic Organizer



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| Claim: | |
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| R | Restate (Claim or ?) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you restate the claim/question in your own words? | |
| A | Answer the Claim | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your answer to the claim/question express a main idea (a point you are going to prove)? | |
| C | Cite Evidence | <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? | |
| E | Explain the Answer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it begin with something like: <i>This ...shows that...</i> 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? | |