

# 2 minute Brainstorm

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## “Constructed Response”

- What?
- When?
- How?
- Etc. 😊

# HOW TO WRITE CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE ANSWERS...

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...and not lose your mind!

# What are constructed response questions?

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- They require you to write at least one **evidence-based** paragraph.
- Sometimes you have to use old information in a new, creative way.

Where will you find  
constructed response  
questions?

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Classroom assignments

New GA Milestones Tests

In real life

# How can you recognize a constructed response question?

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- Carefully read the question.

- Look for words like

EXPLAIN DESCRIBE  
COMPARE CONTRAST  
DISCUSS

# Danger! Danger!

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Never make a list for an answer  
to a constructed response  
question!

So how do you write a good  
constructed response answer?

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Check out the following slides for some  
good ideas!

# BrAinStOrM

- READ THE QUESTION SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY.
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- READ THE QUESTIONS SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY....then....
- BRAINSTORM ideas



# R.A.C.E.

REWORD the questions with key words from the prompt (especially verbs.)

Your first sentence should Restate the question but not answer it.

# R.A.C.E.

- ANSWER the question with a thesis statement (main idea, the point)

# R.A.C.E.

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⑩ CITE Evidence x 2

⑩ Yes, you have to “prove” your answer.

# R.A.C.E.

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⑩ EXPLAIN your EVIDENCE

⑩ Add more details

⑩ And add more details

This part is really pretty easy!

# Good idea...

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It's usually a good idea to use the following words to make your middle sentences go together better:

FirstSecondFor instance

On one hand...on the other hand

In the first place...in the second place...

ThenNowNext

HoweverAfterwardFinally

# ....continued

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Write an ending sentence. You can start your last sentence by using these words:

As a result

Consequently  
Therefore

# Finishing up.....

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Read your answer. Fix any mistakes in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation. Make sure all the letters in all the words are written clearly.

# ....and Finally....

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Read your answer one more time.

- Does it answer the question?
- Does it make sense?
- Does it say what you mean?



# Writing a Constructed Response: Summary

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1. Analyze the prompt/question, ie. BRAINSTORM your thoughts
2. Use R.A.C.E.
3. Write an ending sentence.
4. Read your answer and fix all mechanical errors.
5. Re-read your answer for meaning.