

Constructed Response “ACE”

ACE is a strategy to help students when answering questions. ACE helps students with a mnemonic and a framework for responding to questions. They should support their answer with information from the text and extend their answer by:

Backing up information from the text with their personal experience or prior knowledge they have about the topic

And/or

Explaining why this information is important or significant:

“This means... In other words.... I know this because....”

What actually is the ACE STRATEGY?

Answer the question

a) Make sure that you completely answer the question.

b) Use key words from the question in your responses.

Cite evidence from the text to support your answer

a) Cite evidence from the readings, graphs or illustrations to support, prove or explain.

Expand; extend; explain your answer

a) Extend your response by explaining the connection between the information that you cited and the answer.

b) Make it clear that you know the answer because of the evidence

The Ant and the Grasshopper
Also *The Ant and the Cricket*

Based on Aesop's Fable

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An Ant passed by, struggling to drag an ear of corn to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper, instead of working so hard?"

"I am helping to save food for the winter," said the Ant, "and suggest you do the same."

"Why worry about winter?" said the Grasshopper; "We have plenty of food right now."

But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When winter came the Grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from what they had collected in the summer. Then the Grasshopper knew: *It is best to prepare for the days of necessity.*

Constructed Response:

In "The Ant and the Grasshopper" what character trait is revealed about the grasshopper through his actions as the story unfolds? Choose one trait and back it up with text evidence.



In the story "The Ant and the Grasshopper," the grasshopper's action reveals that he is lazy.



The story states that the grasshopper wanted to talk instead of work. He didn't see the point in working he said, "We have plenty of food right now."



Based on this evidence, the grasshopper was lazy, and he should have worked harder to prepare food for the winter.

