

ANSWER Strategy for Open Response Questions

A – Analyze the Question

- Circle the key word (explain, identify, describe, etc.)
- Underline important parts
- Think about what the question is REALLY asking you.

N – Note Plan (2 columns)

- Restate the question at the top (QPA)
- Left hand column is smaller and is for your MAIN IDEAS
- Right hand column is bigger and is for your EVIDENCE/DETAIL

S – Skim, read, select!

- Use text-features, and topic/ending sentences to find the most RELEVANT evidence that answers the question
- Write notes in the margins to help track your thinking

W – Write

- Rewrite your notes in complete sentences in the form of an organized paragraph(s).

E/R – Edit & Revise

- Check your work to make sure it is clear and complete!