



The ACE Writing Strategy

Answer the question

- Answer the question completely
- Use key words from the question in your answer
- This is your claim

Cite evidence from the text

- Use clear, specific examples from the text that support your claim
- Refer, provide, describe, define
- Use quotations when citing exact words / phrases

Explain

- Explain the connection between your evidence and your claim
- Extend and elaborate the support for the example
- Answer the question “So what?”

Other steps to follow in composing a well-written response:

1. Do NOT begin your response with a pronoun. State the noun.
2. Sentences must begin with CAPITALS and end with punctuation.
3. Be sure to CITE from the text and explain what you have cited.