



R.A.C.E.S.



What is the R.A.C.E.S. Writing Strategy?

R.A.C.E.S. is a writing strategy for answering open ended questions.

R

RESTATE the question.

Turn the question around into a statement.

- Take the prompt & cross off the question word.

EXAMPLE: Question: Why is it important to recycle?

Restate: It is important to recycle, because...

A

ANSWER the question.

Answer all parts of the question.

- This can sometimes be done in the same sentence as "R" above.

EXAMPLE: Answer: It is important to recycle, because it keeps our natural environment clean.

C

CITE evidence.

Use key details and facts from the text to support your answer.

* According to the text..

* I know _____, because...

* The author says..

* For example....

E

EXPLAIN your reasoning.

Explain why this text evidence clearly supports your answer.

* This shows that...

* This is why...

* This proves....

* This evidence tells us...

* This means...

* It is clear that...

S

SUMMARIZE your information

Summarize your information. Restate the question with your conclusion.

* Therefore...

* For these reasons...

* That's why...

* In summary...