

What is the prompt/question asking?

- Read the prompt/question carefully
- Circle or underline key words in the prompt/question
- Restate the prompt/question in your own words

Claim



Your concise response to the prompt or answer to the question.

Hint: Use key words and ideas provided in prompt or question. NO "I think" or "I believe".

The rest of your response should PROVE your claim.

Evidence



Reasoning



(Commentary)

This includes a direct quotation or a paraphrased detail from the text that **PROVES** your claim is correct. You need to **cite** your evidence.

You need to **EXPLAIN** in your own words how your evidence proves that your claim is correct.

Sentence starters for introducing evidence

These sentence starters can help you introduce your text evidence:

- *According to the article, data, graph...*
- *According to the video...*
- *In the text...*
- *The author states that "insert direct quotation" (p.__).*
- *In the text it states "insert direct quotation" (p.__).*
- *On page ___ of ___ it states "insert direct quotation".*
- *On page ___ paragraph ___ of ___ it states "insert direct quotation".*
- *The author emphasizes that "insert direct quotation" (p.__).*
- *The graphic shows...*
- *The infographic shows...*
- *In the article ___ by ___ ...*
- *In the passage, (insert title of text), the author states "insert direct quotation" (p.__).*

Always use quotation marks when citing direct quotes. Paraphrases do not need quotation marks.

Sentence starters for reasoning

These sentence starters can help you begin your reasoning (commentary):

- *This shows...*
- *This means...*
- *This reveals...*
- *This expresses the idea...*
- *This implies...*
- *This suggests...*
- *This confirms...*
- *This highlights the difference between...*
- *The author's point that...*
- *Given this information...*
- *Based on this evidence... the conclusion is...because...*
- *This is significant because...*
- *This proves...*
- *The most logical conclusion to be drawn from the evidence is that... because...*
- *These facts work together to build a case that... because...*

Your reasoning justifies your evidence, this is the logic behind your answer that incorporates your evidence.