**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**

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

**Reasoning**

(Commentary)

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.