Responding to Open-Response Prompts/Questions using the CER Method (modified from ISN notes)

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.

**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"
Reasoning

(Commentary)

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

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...

On page (p._).

On page paragraph_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.

Based on this evidence, the conclusion is because...

Given this information...

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.