

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

quotation"

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...

(p._).

On **page**

of

it states "insert direct

*This **highlights** the difference **between . . .** The **author's** point **that...***

quotation"

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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.**