How to A.C.E. a Written Response Question

Read



- Read the question slowly/carefully.
- Figure out what the question is asking you to do.
- Highlight or note the evidence you want to use in your answer.

Write





Answer the question being asked.

Reread and restate the question, using your answer to write your topic sentence.



Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Include details from the text in your answer. ${\sf DO}$ NOT COPY TEXT word-for-word unless it is a QUOTE.



Extend your answer.

Explain your answer using your own prior knowledge and your personal experience.

Group your ideas together.

Use transition words to link your ideas.

Close your answer at the end.

Reread your answer and ask yourself,

"Does it answer the question? Does it make sense?"

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Example Question:

What can you infer about Goldilocks' personality from the <u>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</u> story?

Example Answer:

You can infer from the Three Bears story that Goldilocks' personality is naughty.



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Example Sentence:

An example from the story is when Goldilocks enters the house of the three bears without permission.

Sample Citing Words:

On page 12, the author explains...
In paragrah 4, the evidence shows that...
The illustration on page 3 shows...
The author states, "..."
According to the article, ...
An example in the story is...



Ex t e n d your answer.

Use transition words to link your ideas.

Example Sentence:

Goldilocks was naughty to all the bears. For example, she tasted the cereal from all three bowls so they were all ruined.

Close your answer at the end.

I think she was naughty because, in my experience, people who are naughty do not wait for permission before doing what they want to do, just like Goldilocks.

Sample Transition Words

Another First
For example Next
Also Then
In addition to Lastly
Because So
Therefore Since

Sample Closing Words:

This proves...because...
This shows...because...
I can infer from...
I can prove it by...
I know this because...

I believe that ... because

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In conclusion...

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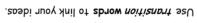
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Sample Transition Words

Lastly ot noitibbe nI txsM For example tsni7 **Another**

Since Sherefore ٥S Because

This proves...because... Sample Closing Words:

I believe that ... because I know this because... I can infer from... This shows...because...