

Answering the Question or Prompt

FIRST!	Read the Question: Circle the verbs in the prompt. Are you supposed to <i>explain, analyze, compare, contrast, discuss</i> ? What aspect of the text is the question asking you to focus on?		
P	Answer the question using a strong topic sentence. Remember to mention the author and title of the reading selection, as well as answer the question.		
I	Cited Example 1:	Cited Example 2:	Cited Example 3:
E	Explanation for Ex 1:	Explanation for Ex 2:	Explanation for Ex 3:

Quick Citation Guide:

Use a signal phrase to introduce information (textual evidence): *The author claims, "quote" (#).*
The character says, "quote" (#). The narrator/speaker argues, "quote" (3).

Simple set up:

- Ex.** On page 17, **Stafford writes**, "I thought hard for us all"
- Ex.** In chapter two, **the narrator states**, "I thought hard for us all" (17).

(Notice the comma comes after the signal phrase, but before the quotes)

Set up with Context Information:

- Ex.** Dying in the tall grass, his ankle swollen from the copperhead bite, **Herman gasps**, "I should have worn my boots" (91).
- Ex.** Dying in the tall grass, his ankle swollen from the copperhead bite, **Herman screams**, "I should have worn my boots!" (91)

(Notice the context information precedes the signal phrase, which is followed by a comma)

