

RACES Rules:

1. Restate

- Use every word in the question but turn it around into a statement.
- DO NOT rewrite the question
- DO NOT begin with “yes” or “no”
- DO NOT attempt to rephrase – this may change the meaning.
- DO NOT leave out any of the words – this may also change the meaning.

2. Answer

- Tell me WHY you chose this position.
- DO NOT repeat any part of the question in this step – simply state your reason in YOUR words...not the words from the text.

3. Cite Evidence

- ALWAYS include the title of your source and the name of the author
- ALWAYS use a direct quote when available
- Quote the author WORD – FOR – WORD
- Use quotation marks
- Make sure your lead-in makes sense

4. Explain

- DO NOT repeat your answer.
- DO NOT tell me why you choose this quote
- DO NOT tell me that the quote supports your answer
- In other words, DO NOT use the following phrases:
 - I choose this quote because...
 - This quote supports my answer because...
 - Explain HOW it supports your answer.

5. Summarize

- ALWAYS start with a concluding transition:
 - Therefore,
 - In conclusion,
 - As a result,
- Restate your position (from step 1) and your reason (from step 2)

If you follow these rules, you should be able to develop a well-constructed response using the RACES strategy.