

C-NOTES: A-C-E Writing Strategy

Essential Question: How does the ACE Writing Strategy create an effective answer?

A

A | ANSWER all parts of the question in complete sentence(s).

Carefully **READ the question**.

RESTATE the original question in the form of an introductory sentence.

Be sure to include the **key words**.

This will prove that you **understand** the question.

C

C | CITE evidence from the text.

Find evidence from the reading selections, graphics, or illustrations to **support or prove your answer**.

Use a **transitional (signal) phrase** to introduce your quote:

- ❖ According to the text/article/graphic/illustration...
- ❖ For example...
- ❖ For instance...
- ❖ According to the author/artist...

Remember: **Quotation marks** must enclose cited **text**.

E

E | EXPLAIN how your evidence proves or supports your answer.

Make a **clear connection** between the evidence you cite and the question asked.

Explain how the quotation **supports your answer**.

Conclude by adding your thoughts.

Example...

Question: From which point of view is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* told?
What is the narrator's perspective?

A Notice the key words point of view and perspective as well as **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** are used in the introductory statement...

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C Three (3) passages are quoted from the book...

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E An explanation connects the quotes back to the answer...

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Put it all together...

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