

Essential Question:

How does a good reader answer questions/prompts about a text?

Objective:

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

I CAN statement:

I can write a thorough and thoughtful response to my reading using evidence from the text to support my response.

R.A.C.E.S.

In order for your response to be a truly great response, you need to include more than just a simple answer. YOU NEED TO PROVE YOUR RESPONSE AND SUPPORT IT WITH EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT!

To help meet this goal we use the R.A.C.E.S. strategy to develop more complete answers to the questions on your reading menu.

What is R.A.C.E.S.?



**Restate the
Question**



**Answer the
Question**



**Cite
Evidence**



**Explain Your
Evidence**



**Sum It
Up**



Restate the Question

Restate or reword the question/prompt and turn it into a statement.

The person reading your answer should be able to understand exactly what you are talking about **WITHOUT** seeing the question.



Answer the Question

- Answer all parts of the question/prompt.
- Often the **R** and the **A** are in the same sentence.

Question: What did you do after you got home from school last night?

Answer: After I got home from school last night, I started doing my homework right away.

TURN AND TALK

EACH partner → RESTATE the following question and ANSWER the question in a complete sentence.

Why is it important to be on time for school every day?



Cite Evidence

Tell where you found examples and details in the text.

On page 10,

In paragraph 3,

The author says,

In the story it states,



Explain Your Evidence

- Give evidence from the text to support your answer.
 - Use EXACT WORDS and SPECIFIC examples from the text. Choose evidence that BEST SUPPORTS YOUR ANSWER!
- Elaborate with your own thoughts and how they support your answer.
 - Use background knowledge, experience, and connections to build on your answer
 - MAKE A CONNECTION - text to self; text to text; text to world

This reminds me of,

I believe,

This shows,



- Summarize your information
- Restate your question with your conclusion

READING MENU RUBRIC

Name: _____

Score: /10

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Completion	Question is not answered.	Question is partially answered.	Answer is complete.
Sentences	Answer is not in complete sentences.	Answer is in complete sentences.	Answer is in complete sentences and part of the question is used in the answer.
Thoughtfulness	Answer shows little effort or thought.	Answer shows limited thought.	Answer is thoughtful.
Text Evidence	Answer does not include text evidence.	Answer has limited use of text evidence.	Answer is supported with significant text evidence.
Editing	Answer has many errors.	Answer has some errors.	Answer has very few errors.



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