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Homework: Building ACE Skills

To create a GREAT short answer response, you must **A**nswer the question, **C**ite the evidence, and **E**xplain your answer; however, doing these things effectively is not always as easy as it seems. **This assignment will walk you through 2 important skills that are used when creating a great ACE answer.**

ANSWERING THE QUESTION

Skill #1: Restating the Question

Before you answer the question, it is important to restate the question given to you, so the reader knows you understand what is being asked.

Directions: Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)

Example 1

Question: What can you infer about Cinderella based on her experience at the ball?

Answer: Based on her experience at the ball, I can infer that Cinderella...

Example 2

Question: What is the purpose of paragraph 3 in the short story "The Most Dangerous Game?"

Answer: In the short story "The Most Dangerous Game, the purpose of paragraph 3 is to.....

- 1. Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)**
Explain why it is important to be on time every day for school.
- 2. Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)**
What can you infer about Marjane based on her decision to smoke a cigarette?
- 3. Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)**
What message is the author of "The Lottery" trying to convey?
- 4. Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)**
What is the importance of John Smith's word choice in paragraph 2?
- 5. Restate the following question to form the beginning of a sentence. (You do not need to finish the sentence with an answer.)**
What is the author's tone in "The Bully"?

CITING THE EVIDENCE

Skill #2: Incorporating Quotes into a Sentence

In a short answer response, quotes cannot stand alone. The writer must lead into the quote with the author/speaker and where the quote can be found (the source).

Directions: For each question below you are given the quote, the author, and the source. You need to incorporate all of this information into one sentence.

Example 1

Quote: "His khaki trousers reached just to his hip bones and his stomach hung over them like a sack of meal swaying under his shirt."

Author: Flannery O' Connor

Source: the short story "A Good Man is Hard to Find"

Answer: In the short story "A Good Man is Hard to Find," Flannery O'Connor writes, "His khaki trousers reached just to his hip bones and his stomach hung over them like a sack of meal swaying under his shirt."

Example 2

Quote: "No longer the light of my dream before me."

Author: Langston Hughes

Source: line 16 of the poem "As I Grow Older"

Answer: In line 16 of "As I Grow Older," Langston Hughes says "No longer the light of my dream before me."

1. Use the information below to write a sentence that properly cites the quote.

Quote: "The menacing look in the eyes did not change."

Author: Richard Connell

Source: the short story "The Most Dangerous Game"

2. Use the information below to write a sentence that properly cites the quote.

Quote: "it was unbroken white, save for a dark hair-line that curved and twisted from around the spruce-covered island to the south"

Author: Jack London

Source: paragraph 2 of the short story "Two Build A Fire"

3. Use the information below to write a sentence that properly cites the quote.

Quote: "Aguilar and his mother were renters at the home."

Author: Ben Nuckols

Source: Houston Chronicle newspaper *article* "Gunman in mall shooting had no criminal record"

4. Use the information below to write a sentence that properly cites the quote.

Quote: "like a house of cards, one blow from caving in"

Author: Katy Perry

Source: the song "Firework"

5. Use the information below to write a sentence that properly cites the quote.

Quote: "I had learned that you should always shout louder than your aggressor"

Author: Marjane Satrapi

Source: the book "Persepolis"