

Constructed Response

Using the R.A.C.E. Method

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Using the R.A.C.E. method will help you provide a complete **Constructed Response** when answering questions.
- You are expected to **cite evidence** when answering questions.
- You will need to provide a **Constructed Response** when answering **ALL** short answer questions on assignments and tests using the R.A.C.E. method.

WHAT IS R.A.C.E.?

- R - Restate the Question (pink)
- A - Answer the Question (green)
- C - Cite Evidence that supports your answer (yellow)
- E - Explain your answer (blue)

R - RESTATE THE QUESTION

Example from The Lightning Thief:

Question: What was Grover's reaction when one of the old ladies was about to cut the yarn?

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Grover's reaction when one of the old ladies was about to cut the yarn was....

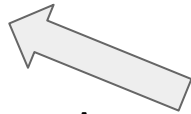
When one of the old ladies was about to cut the yarn,
Grover...

A - ANSWER THE QUESTION

Example from The Lightning Thief:

Question: What was Grover's reaction when one of the old ladies was about to cut the yarn?

When one of the old ladies was about to cut the yarn, Grover got scared.



Answer the question IN YOUR OWN WORDS!
(You will have a chance to copy words when you provide EVIDENCE in the next step!)

C - CITE EVIDENCE

Make sure that you always cite evidence or provide a quote from the text to prove your answer!

Example: When the old ladies were about to cut the yarn, Grover got scared. The text states, “The old lady in the middle took out a huge pair of scissors-gold and silver, long-bladed, like shears. I heard Grover catch his breath” (Pg. 26).

E - EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER

- The last step in R.A.C.E. is to explain your answer one last time.
- Explain how your answer relates to the evidence you provided.
- This will prove to the reader/grader that you know what you're talking about!

E - EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER

Example: When the old ladies cut the yarn, Grover got scared. The text states, “The old lady in the middle took out a huge pair of scissors-gold and silver, long-bladed, like shears. I heard Grover catch his breath” (Pg. 26). I know that Grover was scared just before the ladies cut the yarn because the text says that he, “caught his breath.” When people get scared, they often hold their breath. This is how I know he was scared before the ladies cut the yarn.

Notice that this answer has 6 sentences!!!