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Restate the question - use the question stem to write your topic sentence.

A

Answer the question - make sure to answer all parts of the question. If there are two questions, you should answer each question in its own paragraph.

C

Cite evidence from the text. - **You MUST quote the text.** Use evidence based terms to begin your sentences.

E

Explain and extend - Explain how this evidence supports your answer. Give examples from connections you made.

R Restate the question

This means to turn the question into a statement. Use words from the question stem in your statement.

Example question:

What are some ways students can help to stop bullying in their school?

Great Response: **Bullying** is a huge problem in many schools. There are several steps **students** can take to help **stop** this problem in their own **school**.

OR

Good Response: There are several things students can do to help stop bullying in their school.

A Answer the question

Answer **ALL** parts of the question. Some questions have more than one part. Each part separate paragraphs.

Using our example question: One thing students can do is to participate in a school wide effort committed to speaking out against bullying.

C Cite Evidence

This means you will look back to the text to find specific examples that support your answer.

Quote the text!

--Use evidence based terms to begin your citation.

According to the author, research has shown that students who participate in anti-bullying programs in their schools are more likely to have empathy for students who experience bullying.

E Explain and Extend

You will explain how your evidence from the text supports your answer. You can use your own background knowledge and connections you made from your own experience.

Example: One example of this is a poster contest my school had. The topic was "Stand up to Bullies." The contest seemed to make students really think about how hurtful bullying can be.

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Put it all together

Put all your information into paragraph form. Remember to indent and check for spelling and capitalization!

Sample Response:

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A students can do is to participate in a school wide effort committed to speaking out against bullying. According to the

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E experience bullying. One example of this is a poster contest my school had. The topic was "Stand up to Bullies." The contest seemed to make students really think about how hurtful bullying can be.