Reading Response Strategy

Helping students write answers with evidence to support their thinking..

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Turn the question into a statement.

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**Cite the evidence.**
Share what the text says to support your answer.

**Explain your answer.**
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Plan It

Work with your group to create a plan.

We will create a...

- rap
- cheer
- poem
- jingle
Name: _____________________

**Restate the Question**

Read each question below, practice restating it by using some of the words from the question in your restatement. (You do not need to answer the question, just provide the beginning of the statement.)

Which character changes the most during the story?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

How does the setting impact the plot of the story?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

What is the theme of the story and how can you relate it to your life?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Read each question below, practice restating it by using some of the words from the question in your restatement. (You do not need to answer the question, just provide the beginning of the statement.)

Which leader had the greatest impact on the outcome of the American Revolution?

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Which of the inventions we studied has the greatest impact on your life today?

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

What is one thing that you learned from the reading that will change how you eat?

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________
Which character do you identify the most with and why?

_________________________
_________________________
_________________________
Which adaptation is most important to this animal’s survival?

_________________________
_________________________
_________________________
Name: _____________________

Answer the Question

Restate the question in your own words. Answer the question below.

___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________

Restate the question

___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________

Answer the question

___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________

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Words to help me cite the evidence

because...

for example...

for instance...

according to what I read...

I knew the character felt ________ because...

on page _____ it said...

the character said...

the character’s actions were...

the author said...

from the book, I know that...
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Cite the Evidence

Share your answer to the question. Next, share one piece of evidence from the text.

My answer is:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

My evidence is:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Cite the Evidence

Share two ideas from the text that support your answer.

#1

#2
Explain Your Thinking

Tell WHY! Tell why you chose the evidence.

this explains...

this shows....

now I understand...

according to what I read...

this means...

this proves...

I believe...

I feel...

now I know...
The question is:
My answer is:
The evidence from the text is...
This supports my answer because...

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My answer is:
The evidence from the text is...
This supports my answer because...
Putting it all Together

The question is:

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Restate the question:

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Answer the question:

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Cite evidence:

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Explain:

___________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

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How did I respond?

- I restated the question.
- I answered the question.
- I cited the evidence I found in the text.
- I explained how the evidence helped me.
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