

RACE RESPONSE FORMAT

What is it?

RACE is the format in which students should respond to a question or essay prompt.

R-Restate the question in your own words (green)

A-Answer the question with a specific reason for your answer (yellow)

C-Cite evidence to support the specific reason (red). (If you are not citing from an outside source, then your evidence will be based on personal experience/knowledge.)

E-Elaborate about the evidence. Provide more detail and get specific.

Answers should follow this pattern:

Statement (green) because reason (yellow). Transition (now, often, occasionally, etc.), evidence (red). For example, elaboration (orange).

Practice:

Using the space provided, answer the following questions in RACE format.

Level 1 (R only): (The question is simply answered in statement form.)

1. What is the best animal to have as a pet?

2. What is the best type of music?

Level 2 (RA only): (In addition to R a reason is given for the answer.)

3. Where is the best place to take a vacation?

4. Who is the best superhero or villain?

Read the following paragraph and use it to answer questions 5 and 6:

Soap pods are berries that grow on trees in Asia. When these berries come in contact with water, they create mild suds that resemble soap. The berries are picked, the seeds removed, and the seed pods are dried in the sun. Two or three pods can be put into a little bag and dropped into the washing machine, and they clean a load of laundry! The soap pods can also be used several times, and they are less expensive than traditional laundry soap. In addition, when you toss them out, they rot and go back into the soil. Soap pods are also a good alternative for those who have allergies because they are more gentle on the skin than the harsh chemicals found in traditional laundry soaps.

Level 3: (In addition to levels 1 and 2 (RAC), evidence from the text supports the reason in a direct quote using quotation marks.)

5. Why is there no energy wasted on processing soap pods?

Level 4: (In addition to levels 1, 2, and 3 (RACE), take a side and support it with evidence, and expand the idea with your own insightful reasoning.)

6. Should we start using soap pods instead of laundry soap?
