



RESTATE ANSWER CITE EXPLAIN

R **RESTATE THE QUESTION**
Restate or reword the question and turn it into a statement. 

A **ANSWER THE QUESTION**
What's your claim?
Answer all parts of the question. 

C **CITE THE SOURCE**
Tell where you found examples and details.
In chapter 2... The article states... According to the graphic...

E **EXPLAIN** your response. Provide evidence to support your answer. Add your thoughts.
In my experience... This proves... This means... I believe...

Would you like to live in the time that Laura lived? Why or why not? Give examples from the text to support your answer.

Open-ended Response Question

I would not like to live in the time that Laura lived because everything was so hard, especially travelling for such a long time. On page 13-14 Laura wrote, "Day after day they traveled in Kansas and saw nothing but the rippling grass and enormous sky." and "Next day the land was the same, the sky was the same, the circle did not change. Laura and Mary were tired of them all. There was nothing new to do and nothing new to look at." I believe it would be uncomfortable and pretty boring to travel by covered wagon for weeks and weeks at a time. According to the story, even Mary and Laura were tired of it!

← **R**estate the question.

← **A**nswer the question.

← **C**ite evidence from the story (a "direct quote").

← **E**xplain.