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# TEXT-BASED RESPONSES

for openended questions



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## 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...

## SAMPLE RACE RESPONSE

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According to the article, Missouri would be a better place for the mountain lions to live. As Matt Peek, a biologist from Kansas states, "Missouri is a better home for mountain lions than Kansas. He says they need wide open spaces and smaller animals to eat." The article also mentions that Missouri's "3 million acres of forests are perfect for mountain lions. They are full of raccoons, possums and armadillos - animals small enough to make suitable prey for mountain lions." Since mountain lions need abundant space and a lot food, Missouri has a more suitable environment that mountain lions would appreciate!

+5 points each  
= 25 points possible  
= SUPER!

## EVIDENCE-BASED RESPONSE SCORING RUBRIC

A 25 point response includes all of the components listed below (0-5 points each).

**R** The question is clearly RESTATED in the response.

**A** The question is ANSWERED fully and correctly, showing that the writer knows what is being asked.

**C** One or more **examples from the source** are provided. Examples are relevant to the question and they fully support the answer. Location of information is clearly CITED.

**E** The response includes reasoning, an **EXPLANATION**, student commentary, and/or inferencing which strongly support the answer.

**GRAMMAR & MECHANICS (GUM)**  
There is clear evidence that the response has been re-read, revised, and edited. **No errors exist in spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure.**

CITE: to quote (a passage, book, or author) as an example, authority, or proof.

CLAIM: A statement that...

- explains the main point of an argument.
- answers a question.
- is accurate, specific, and proven with evidence.

EVIDENCE: the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or correct.

EVIDENCE-BASED RESPONSE: proving your answer (claim) is correct by citing evidence from the text, a graphic, a timeline, a video, or another related source.

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**HULK IT UP!**  
A direct quote is written word for word, directly from the text... with **QUOTATION MARKS!**

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