

Make Every Answer an:

ACE



- A* Answer prompt. Use part of the question in the first sentence
- C* Cite evidence. Cite evidence. Might be facts, statistics, logical reasons, or evidence from the text.
- E* Explain your thinking. Explain how the evidence demonstrates and/or supports the answer.

More info:

Answer:

Whenever you answer a prompt, make sure that you know exactly what they are asking. This may seem obvious, but students often answer what they THINK is being asked, without really focusing on what the question ACTUALLY asks. Make sure that you are VERY CLEAR about what kind of information you need to provide. Also be sure to restate the question in your answer, to make it really really clear that what you are talking about answers the question.

Cite Evidence:

In the academic world, it is not enough to simply give an answer. You have to prove it. If you are answering a question about a work of literature, the best way to prove your point is to provide direct quotes from the text. This means that you find actual words or passages that help support your answer. As you are answering, you should copy these passages. (Whenever you take passages from a text you put them in quotation marks " " even if the passages are not part of a conversation).

Explain Your thinking:

This is one of the most important parts of an ACE answer. It is not enough just to answer a question and provide evidence; you have to explain HOW the evidence supports your answer. You do this by writing about the connections between your evidence and your conclusion.