

How to ACE

Claim (Answer) + Evidence (Citation) + Reasoning = Explanation

A (Answer): Answer question by embedding the question within your response.

Example

Question – Which character is the protagonist in the story *Little Red Riding Hood*?

Answer – The protagonist in the story *Little Red Riding Hood* is the character named Red Riding Hood.

C (Cite): Cite evidence from the story that proves your Answer is correct. You may quote directly from the text or summarize the events in your own words.

Example

The reader learns that Little Red Riding Hood is the protagonist in the story since she is the main character trying to overcome the story's conflict and must face her enemy, the wolf, who tries to kill her.

E (Explain):

- Explain why/how your Citation (evidence) supports your Answer.

AND

- Explain how your Answer and Citation...
 - relate to or affect the rest of the story, and/or
 - how they relate to life in general

Example

Little Red Riding Hood is a determined character who takes on the challenges of finding her way through the woods to help her grandmother. She doesn't let the fact that the wolf is trying to kill her stop her from achieving her goal. Her role as the protagonist in the story is a great example of how young people can be strong, courageous and unrelenting.

Example of a complete ACE response

The protagonist in the story *Little Red Riding Hood* is the character named Red Riding Hood. The reader learns that Little Red Riding Hood is the protagonist in the story since she is the main character trying to overcome the story's conflict and must face her enemy, the wolf, who tries to kill her. Little Red Riding Hood is a determined character who takes on the challenges of finding her way through the woods to help her grandmother. She doesn't let the fact that the wolf is trying to kill her stop her from achieving her goal. Her role as the protagonist in the story is a great example of how young people can be strong, courageous and unrelenting.