

How to Answer a Multi-paragraph Open Response Question

Claim, evidence, reasoning

Paragraph #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Introduce your response by giving context<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ author's name○ title of the text○ a brief summary of the element of the text you are writing about★ Answer the question/address the task of the prompt with a thesis statement
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Paragraph #2 <u>possible transitional words or phrases:</u> for example, for instance, this demonstrates, this shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ State the main idea/claim in a topic sentence★ Elaborate on your idea/claim★ Give direct and/or indirect evidence from the text to support your answer★ Explain how the evidence supports your answer★ Wrap-up/transition sentence
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Paragraph #3 (If necessary) <u>possible transitional words or phrases:</u> also, in addition, further, furthermore, moreover, another reason, likewise, similarly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ State the main idea/claim in a topic sentence★ Elaborate on your idea/claim★ Give direct and/or indirect evidence from the text to support your answer★ Explain how the evidence supports your answer★ Wrap-up/transition sentence
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Paragraph #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Conclude your response by summing up your main ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Main idea from paragraph 2○ Main idea from paragraph 3★ Leave your reader with a final thought<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Make a connection to a greater truth
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