

Steps to answering a Paper 2 Question

1. Read all four questions. Consider them all. Be thoughtful here.
2. Choose a question you want to answer.
3. Circle key terms from the question.
4. Define the key terms from the question.
5. Are there extra questions? Re-write each one. Are there 3 questions in one?
 - a. Do you agree
 - b. To what extent
 - c. How does the writer achieve X
6. List the titles of the literary works you have prepared in advance and do a quick brainstorming session with each one.
7. Choose 2 of the literary works to answer the question.
8. Continue brainstorming. Use headings to group yourself according to the question. This is NOT how you will organize your actual response. It is your brainstorming only. This is only one way and not the only or “right” way to brainstorm your response to the question.
 - a. Literary Work #1
 - i. Key terms from the question (both ideas and key choices)
 1. Initial response to the ideas
 2. Another response to those ideas/question (and so on)
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - b. Literary Work #2
 - i. Key terms from the question (both ideas and key choices)
 1. Initial response to the ideas
 2. Another response to those ideas/question (and so on)
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - c. These ideas and/or choices from the question are similar because
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii. .
 - iv.

d. These ideas and/or choices from the question are different because

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

9. Write your thesis statement.

- a. Answer the question(s)
- b. Make sure to compare and contrast

10. Make decisions. Do you want to outline more? Do you want to write your topic sentences? Do you want to jot down your evidence to prove your points? Do you need to do more comparing and contrasting? Make decisions based on the time you have and the time you need to complete step 11.

- a. Spend around 15-20 minutes completing steps #1-10.

11. Write the essay.

- a. Spend around 85-90 minutes writing the essay.

12. Provide yourself, if you can, with a few minutes to proofread your essay for any glaring errors in grammar, spelling, and expression.