



SURGESTART
—ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY—

TEXT EVIDENCE RESPONSE FRAMES

Sentence starters to help
students cite evidence from
texts in written responses.



Read. Think. Cite. Write. Succeed!



UNDERSTANDING TEXT EVIDENCE

Good readers back up their ideas with evidence from the text!



Find it.



Highlight it.



Cite it.



Write it!

WHAT IS TEXT EVIDENCE?

Text evidence is information, words, or details from the text that support your answer.

Examples:

- ✓ A quote from the text
- ✓ A detail or fact
- ✓ A description
- ✓ Something a character says or does



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Use evidence. Support your thinking!

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GENERAL RESPONSE FRAMES



Use these sentence starters for any question.

The text says, "_____."

This shows that _____



For example, the author writes, "_____"

This means _____

According to the text, _____

This proves that _____

One detail that supports this is _____

because _____

From the reading, I know that _____

because the author says, "_____"



AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FRAMES



Use these frames to explain why the author wrote the text.

The author wrote this text to _____

I know this because _____

It seems the author's purpose is _____

because _____

The author wants the reader to _____

An example from the text is _____

This text was written to _____

because the author says, " _____

_____ "





MAIN IDEA & KEY DETAILS FRAMES



Use these frames to find the main idea and supporting details.

The main idea of the text is _____

This is shown when _____

One key detail is _____

Another detail is _____

These details support the main idea that _____

The text is mainly about _____

For example, _____

Remember:

Main idea = the big picture

Details = the important parts
that support it!





CHARACTER ANALYSIS FRAMES



Use these frames to describe and understand characters.

The character _____ is

I know this because _____

In the text, _____

This shows _____

about the character.

At the beginning of the story, the character

By the end, _____

A quote that shows this is, " _____

_____ "



Tip!

Use exact words from the text to
make your answer stronger!

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PLOT EVENTS FRAMES



Use these frames to describe important events.

First, _____

Next, _____

Then, _____

Finally, _____

An important event in the story is _____

because _____

This happened when _____

It is important because _____



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Strong answers show



COMPARE & CONTRAST FRAMES



Use these frames to compare and contrast.

COMPARE

Both _____ and _____
are similar because _____

CONTRAST

_____ is different from
_____ because _____

BOTH

Both _____ and _____
_____ have _____



INFERENCE & CONCLUSIONS FRAMES

Use these frames to make inferences and draw conclusions.

I can infer that _____

because _____

Based on the clues in the text, I think _____

The text says, "_____".

This makes me think _____

because _____

Good readers use clues
from the text + what they
🧠 already know! 🧠



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text **evidence!**



MY EVIDENCE PRACTICE



Read a text and use a response frame to answer.

Question:



My Answer:

My Evidence Frame:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ General | ☐ Author's Purpose | ☐ Main Idea & Details |
| ☐ Character Analysis | ☐ Plot Events | ☐ Compare & Contrast |
| ☐ Inference & Conclusions | | |

