

# RACE WRITING STRATEGY CHEAT SHEET

- R** **Restate** prompt in first part of topic sentence.
- Use key words from prompt.
  - Use author and title if available.
  - Restating question as a prompt.

## Sample Paragraph

The author supports the idea that dark matter is mysterious explaining how difficult it is for scientists to study.

- A** **Answer** the question in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the topic sentence
- Make sure you answer all parts of the question

In paragraph 6 of "Mapping the Invisible" by Stephen Ornes it states, "By studying how the light changed as it traveled through space, the astronomers could estimate the rough location and shape of dark matter clumps."

- C** **Cite** the evidence
- This evidence should be copied directly from the text and cited
  - It should prove the point you made in your topic sentence.

- E** **Explain** the evidence in your own words (paraphrase)
- The sentence should connect and be in logical order.
  - Each sentence should include a detail related to the topic.

This quote shows that dark matter is mysterious because scientists can only estimate its location. Scientists are unable to actually see dark matter. They have to use special telescopes that record light and then study how the light changes as it travels through space.

### CITE EVIDENCE

#### TRY THESE SENTENCE STARTERS:

- According to the text...
- The article states...
- On page \_\_\_ it says...
- According to the author...
- In paragraph \_\_\_ it says...
- The author states...
- For example...
- The text says...
- From the reading I know...
- The author writes...

### MORE TRANSITIONS YOU CAN USE

- In addition,
- Furthermore,
- On the other hand,
- However,
- First of all,
- Also,
- Another example,
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### EXPLAIN & ELABORATE YOUR ANSWER

Try these sentence starters:

- This shows...
- This proves...
- This makes me think...
- This explains...
- It means...

### SUM IT UP

Try these sentence starters:

- Therefore...
- In conclusion...
- That's why...
- All in all...
- In summary...
- For these reasons...