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## ACES RESPONSE-PREWRITING STRATEGY

(Do not write in complete sentences)

Step 1: Formulate your answer/State your opinion

Step 2: Give two reasons/arguments that support your position/answer: **Fill in C1 and C2**

Step 3: In bullet point format, generate your thoughts and/or examples on how you are going to explain/clarify and connect your supporting arguments (C's) to the point you are making: **Fill in E1 and E2**

**A** Answer the question by restating it/State your position:

*How do you know?  
Why do you think so?*

**C1**(Cite/state your first supporting argument/detail):

*What does this mean?  
How does this support the  
point you are trying to  
make?*

**E1** (**Explain** the supporting argument/detail. Give specific **Examples**. **ELABORATE**):

**C2**(Cite/state your second supporting argument/detail):

*What does this mean?  
How does this support the  
point you are trying to  
make?*

**E2** (**Explain** the supporting argument/detail. Give specific **Examples**. **ELABORATE**):

**S**um up your argument by touching back on your answer-same idea in different words

- Rewrite your ACES in a paragraph form (list the FCA's and skip every other line)
- Read your paper out loud to yourself, check off anything that doesn't sound "right"
- Look over your paper and fix anything that you checked off.
- Use a variety of transitional words to connect your ideas/sentences and move smoothly from one thought to the next (See the "Transitional Words and Phrases" handout)