ACE Strategy

Help students organize their writing by using the ACE Strategy. This teaching device helps organize the answers to short answer/constructive response questions. It prevents students from guessing the answers by providing a structured response to the question.

The acronym stands for...

A – Answer all parts of the question in complete sentences.

C – Cite evidence from the text.

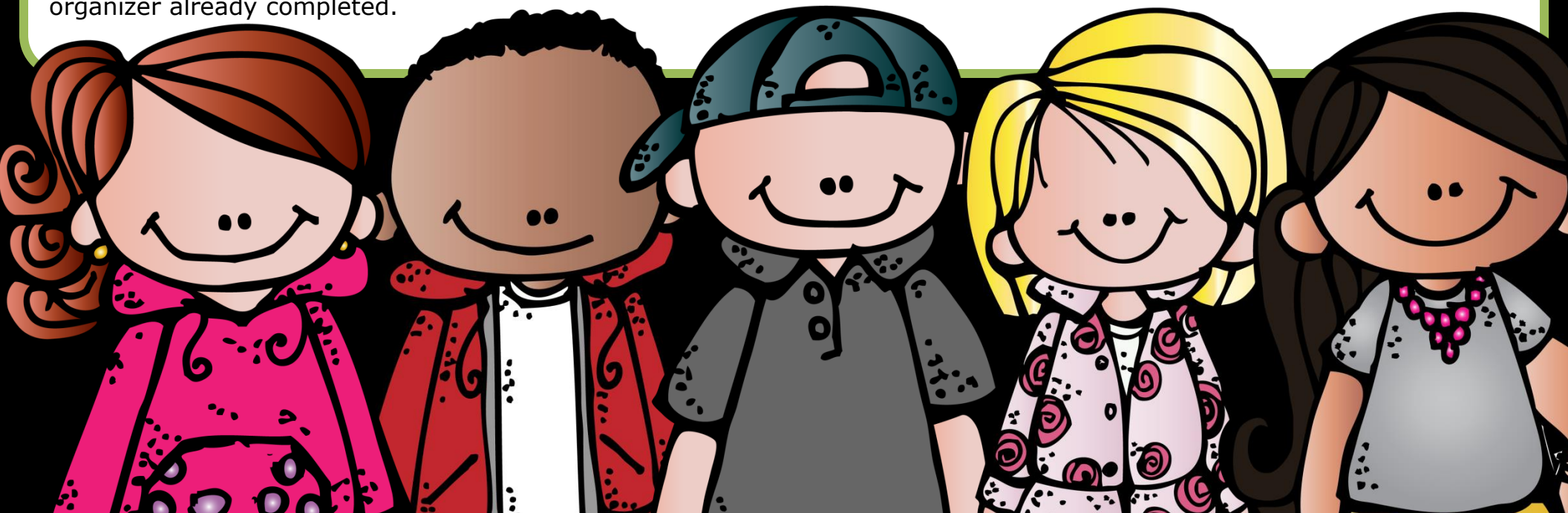
E – Explain how your evidence proves or supports your answer.

This packet contains a staggered flip organizer. Three versions of the organizer are offered:

Version #1 - one with blanks for students to write instructions and an example for each step of ACE

Version #2 - one with key words missing from the steps + Students must provide an example.

Version #3 - one with the answers provided ~ The third copy of the organizer may be used as an answer key, for differentiated instruction, for students who were absent during instruction, or if you wish for the students to have the organizer already completed.



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R – Read the title and predict.

U – Underline key words in the question.

N – Number the paragraphs.

N – Now read the passage.

E – Enclose key words.

R – Reread the questions

S – Select the best answer

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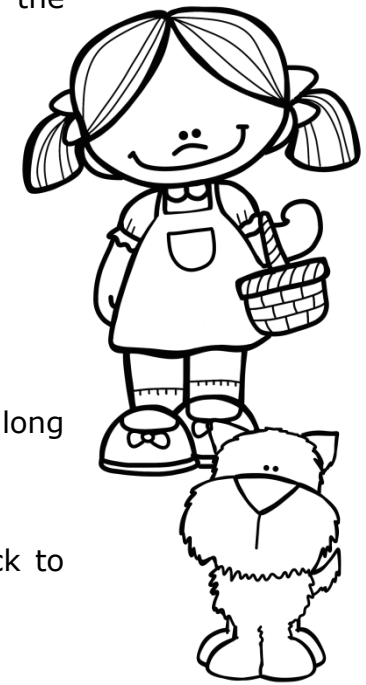
Use this excerpt from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* Chapter 3 to write an example ACE answer on the organizer for the following questions:

From which point of view is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* told? What is the narrator's perspective?



"Can't you get down?" asked Dorothy.

"No, for this pole is stuck up my back. If you will please take away the pole I shall be greatly obliged to you."

Dorothy reached up both arms and lifted the figure off the pole, for, being stuffed with straw, it was quite light.

"Thank you very much," said the Scarecrow, when he had been set down on the ground. "I feel like a new man."

Dorothy was puzzled at this, for it sounded queer to hear a stuffed man speak, and to see him bow and walk along beside her.

"Who are you?" asked the Scarecrow when he had stretched himself and yawned. "And where are you going?"

"My name is Dorothy," said the girl, "and I am going to the Emerald City, to ask the Great Oz to send me back to Kansas."

"Where is the Emerald City?" he inquired. "And who is Oz?"

"Why, don't you know?" she returned, in surprise.

"No, indeed. I don't know anything. You see, I am stuffed, so I have no brains at all," he answered sadly.

"Oh," said Dorothy, "I'm awfully sorry for you."

"Do you think," he asked, "if I go to the Emerald City with you, that Oz would give me some brains?"

"I cannot tell," she returned, "but you may come with me, if you like. If Oz will not give you any brains you will be no worse off than you are now."

"That is true," said the Scarecrow. "You see," he continued confidentially, "I don't mind my legs and arms and body being stuffed, because I cannot get hurt. If anyone treads on my toes or sticks a pin into me, it doesn't matter, for I can't feel it. But I do not want people to call me a fool, and if my head stays stuffed with straw instead of with brains, as yours is, how am I ever to know anything?"

"I understand how you feel," said the little girl, who was truly sorry for him. "If you will come with me I'll ask Oz to do all he can for you."

"Thank you," he answered gratefully.

They walked back to the road. Dorothy helped him over the fence, and they started along the path of yellow brick for the Emerald City.

Toto did not like this addition to the party at first. He smelled around the stuffed man as if he suspected there might be a nest of rats in the straw, and he often growled in an unfriendly way at the Scarecrow.

"Don't mind Toto," said Dorothy to her new friend. "He never bites."

"Oh, I'm not afraid," replied the Scarecrow. "He can't hurt the straw. Do let me carry that basket for you. I shall not mind it, for I can't get tired. I'll tell you a secret," he continued, as he walked along. "There is only one thing in the world I am afraid of."

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Explain the 'E' part of the ACE Writing Strategy.

Explain how your evidence proves the answer to the questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method.

E Explain how your evidence proves or supports your answer.

Explain the 'C' part of the ACE Writing Strategy.

Cite evidence from the text to answer the questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method.

C Cite evidence from the text.

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Explain the 'A' part of the ACE Writing Strategy.

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Write an introductory sentence to questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method. ---- From which point of view is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* told? What is the narrator's perspective?

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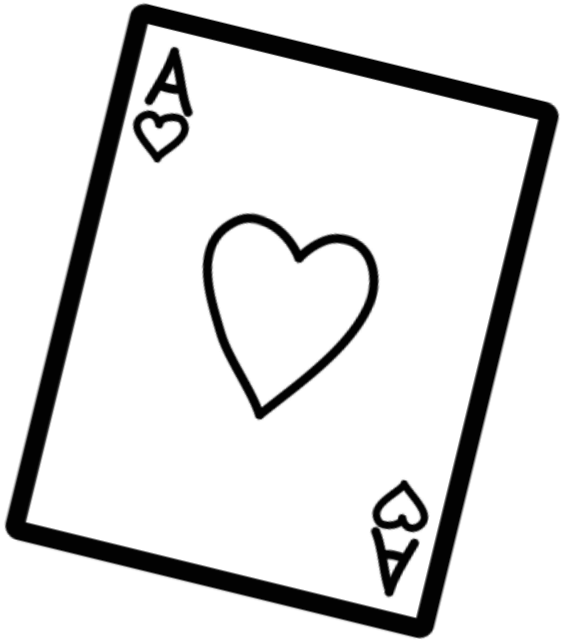

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E – Explain/Extend/Explain

Make sure the reader can make a clear _____ between the evidence you cited and the _____ that is asked.

Explain how the _____ supports your answer.

Conclude by adding your thoughts.

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Use a _____ phrase to introduce your quote:

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- _____ read the question.
- _____ the original question in the form of an _____ sentence.
- Be sure to include the _____ words.

This will prove that you understand the question.

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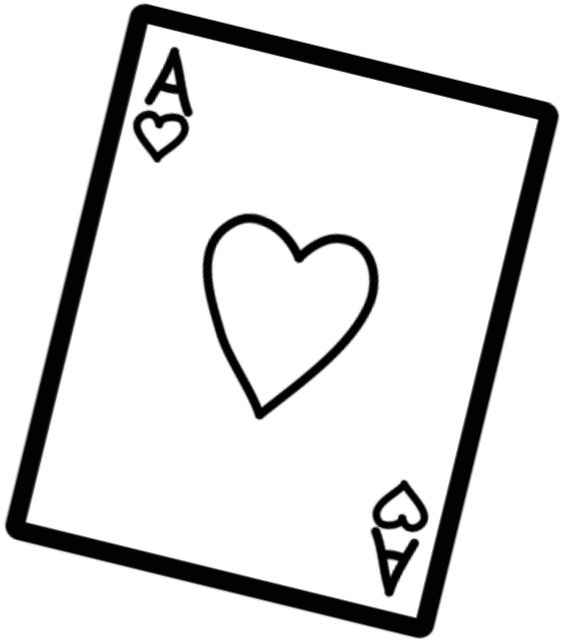

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- Explain how the quotation supports your answer.
- Conclude by adding your thoughts.

Explain how your evidence proves the answer to the questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method.

L. Frank Baum tells *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* from third person point of view through a narrator. The reader knows this because the narrator uses characters' names in place of the pronoun I when revealing thoughts. The narrator also shows the thoughts of more than one character creating an omniscient viewpoint.

Explain how your evidence proves or supports your answer.

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- Be sure to use quotation marks when text is cited.

Cite evidence from the text to answer the questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method.

In the text, the author reveals Dorothy's thoughts. "Dorothy was puzzled at this, for it sounded queer to hear a stuffed man speak, and to see him bow and walk along beside her." The narrator also tells the reader that Dorothy was "truly sorry for him." Toto's thoughts are also included, "Toto did not like this addition to the party at first."

Cite evidence from the text.

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Explain the 'A' part of the ACE Writing Strategy.

A – Answer

- Carefully read the question.
- Reword the original question in the form of an introductory sentence.
- Be sure to include the key words.

This will prove that you understand the question.

Write an introductory sentence to questions about *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* using the ACE method.

From which point of view is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* told? What is the narrator's perspective?

The reader can find the **point of view** and **perspective** used in ***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*** by reading a small selection of the story.

A Answer all parts of the question in complete sentences.

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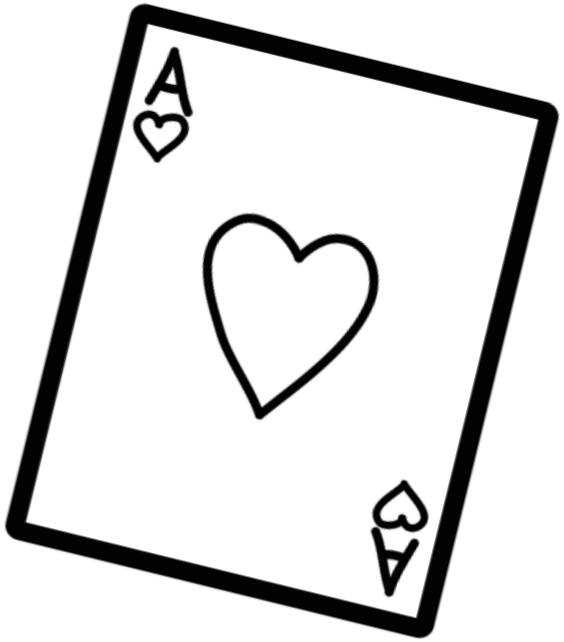

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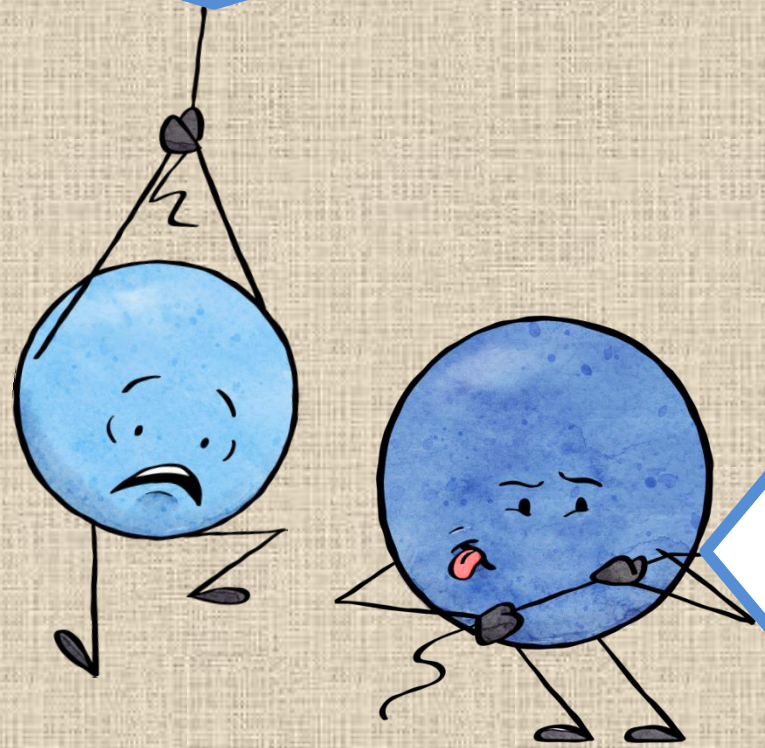

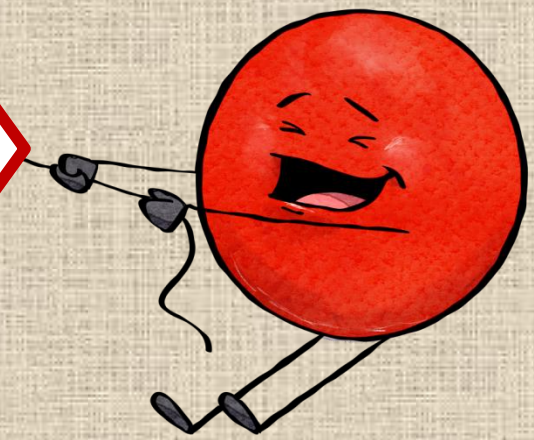

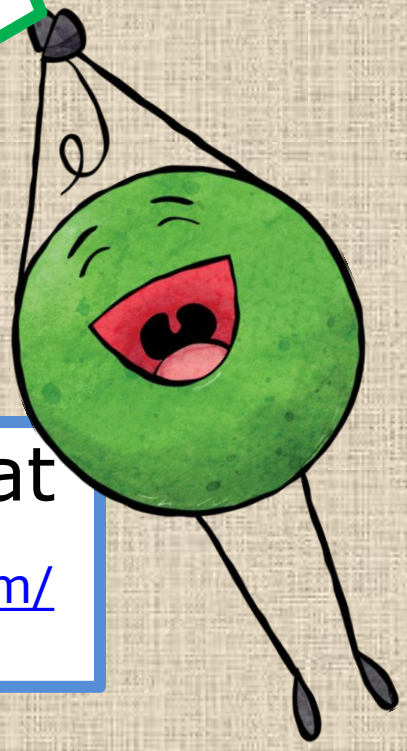

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