

Directions for Writing a  
Constructed Response in Reading Seminar

**\*\*Remember to always write in paragraph form and color-code\*\***

**Claim (Red):**

This sentence must name the author and title of the article in addition to stating your opinion/what you want to prove/your answer to the question.

**Reason 1 (orange):**

Give a reason to support your claim/your answer.

**Evidence (yellow):**

Provide evidence (a quote) to support your reason.

**Elaboration (green):**

A: Explain the quote in your own words.

B: Explain how the quote supports your reason

**Analysis (blue):**

Explain how your reason supports your claim.

This statement should be analytical- involve some deeper thinking (maybe an inference). Some students may need two or more sentences to do this.

***Now move on to your second reason and go through the steps again.***

***After you complete the steps for reason #2 . . . .***

**Concluding Sentences (purple):**

Reinforce your claim/your answer, but DO NOT repeat what you've already said. You are basically writing a mini-conclusion. This should not be less than two sentences.