

# STAR Student Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your response is complete and strong:

## S — Set Up

- ☐ I restated the question in my own words.
- ☐ I began with a clear statement that answers the question.
- ☐ My first sentence matches the topic and shows my thinking.

Helpful sentence starters:

- I believe...
- The main idea is...
- \_\_\_\_\_ is important because...

## T — Text Evidence

- ☐ I found a quote or detail from the text that supports my answer.
- ☐ I cited the evidence clearly using a signal phrase.
- ☐ My quote connects to my idea and makes sense.

Signal phrases:

- According to the text...
- The author states...
- In paragraph \_\_, it says...

## A — Analyze

- ☐ I explained how my evidence supports my answer.
- ☐ I shared what the quote means or shows.
- ☐ I connected the text to my thinking.

Helpful sentence starters:

- This shows that...
- This means...
- This proves...

## R — Restate

- ☐ I wrapped up my response with a final thought.
- ☐ I repeated my main idea using different words.
- ☐ My conclusion feels complete and clear.

Wrap-up starters:

- So in conclusion...
- That's why I believe...
- To sum it up...