

Simplified STAR Response Checklist

S = Set Up

- ☐ Did I say my answer clearly?
- ☐ Did I restate the question in my own words?

Try starting with:

- “I think...”
- “I believe...”
- “_____ matters because...”

T = Text Evidence

- ☐ Did I find a quote or detail from the text?
- ☐ Did I use a phrase to introduce my evidence?

Try starting with:

- “The text says...”
- “In paragraph ____, it says...”
- “One example is...”

A = Analyze

- ☐ Did I explain how the quote helps prove my answer?
- ☐ Did I show what the quote means?

Try starting with:

- “This means...”
- “This shows that...”

R = Restate

- ☐ Did I say my main point again in a new way?
- ☐ Did I finish with a final thought?

Try starting with:

- “So that’s why...”
- “In conclusion...”