ACEing Your Writing

A writing strategy that will help you support your ideas and opinions.
Without evidence and support, your ideas and opinions can go unnoticed. It is a very hard truth that your opinion doesn’t matter if you cannot support your opinion with evidence.

The ACE strategy to writing and responding will not only help you explore your ideas and opinions, but it will help add substance to your writing. Additionally, it will make others recognize your opinions.
When you address the topic, always restate the question in your answer.

Example Question: What is your favorite subject in school?
Example Answer: My favorite subject in school is science.
When you cite or give evidence, always be sure that it supports your answer.

SHOW, NOT TELL!!

Example Cite: It is my favorite subject because I enjoy learning about animals.
ELABORATE or EXTEND

- When you elaborate or extend, you should prove how your citation supports your answer.

**Example Elaboration:** In science class this year, my teacher has many animals in his room that we watch and research throughout the year.
My favorite subject in school is science. It is my favorite subject because I enjoy learning about animals. In science class this year, my teacher has many animals in his room that we watch and research throughout the year.
ACE is an acronym for
- **ANSWER** the question/
  **Address** the topic
- **CITE** evidence
- **EXTEND** and **ELABORATE** on how your evidence supports your answer.
Now, it’s your turn!

What is your favorite day of the week?

• Remember to answer the question/address the topic, cite evidence, and elaborate on that evidence!
• When you are finished, write your answer on the chart paper using the following format:

  – A: Our favorite day of the week is

  – C: It is our favorite day of the week because

  – E: On _________________, we