

Writing a 4-Star Response Prompt with RACE

Restate the question



Turn the question into a statement. This is the first thing you should do whenever you are answering a question!

Ex: The book, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*, caused me to feel many strong emotions.

AnsWER the question

Give your answer! Sometimes the answer will be in the same sentence as the restatement of the question, and sometimes it will be its own sentence.

Ex: The main emotion that I felt was sadness for Bradley Chalkers.

Cite evidence from the text

Give SPECIFIC examples from the text. Don't just say that someone was mean – tell exactly what they did that was mean! One example is not enough. Give 2 or 3!

Ex: Bradley wasn't always the nicest boy, but it was because other students were mean to him and made fun of him. For example, several boys called him "Chicken Chalkers." No one wanted to sit anywhere near him in the classroom; his desk was an island.

Experience

Give your personal opinion that relates to the answer, or tell about a time that something similar happened to you or someone you know.

Ex: I always feel bad for people when they're being made fun of. Even if someone is mean, they don't deserve to be treated badly.

Putting it all together:

The book, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*, caused me to feel many strong emotions. The main emotion that I felt was sadness for Bradley Chalkers. Bradley wasn't always the nicest boy, but it was because other students were mean to him and made fun of him. For example, several boys called him "Chicken Chalkers." No one wanted to sit anywhere near him in the classroom; his desk was an island. I always feel bad for people when they're being made fun of. Even if someone is mean, they don't deserve to be treated badly.