**RACE Mnemonic for   
Constructed Responses**

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**A**nswer the Question

**C**ite Evidence

**E**xplain the Answer

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| **Writing Prompt Question:** | | “home is where the heart is” – what does this mean? Interpret this common saying. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. | |
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| **R** | **R**estate the Question | * Did you restate the question in your own words? |  |
| **A** | **A**nswer the Question | * Does your answer to the question express a main idea (a point you are going to prove)? |
| **C** | **C**ite Evidence | * Did you transition from your “A” (main idea sentence)? * Do you have indirect information to prove your main idea? * Do you have a direct quote to prove your main idea? * Do all the details address the question? |  |
| **E** | **E**xplain the Answer | * Does it begin with something like: *This …shows that...* * Does it answer “Why?” and/or “How?” * Does it use some key words from the citation? * Does it explain fully, using because... ? * Does it reuse the (A) main idea with some new wording? * Did you make sure all parts connect? |  |