**RACE Mnemonic for
Constructed Responses**

**![C:\Users\Cathy Shank\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\1U6EQTAU\MC900078772[1].wmf]()R**estate the Question

**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?
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| **A** | **A**nswer the Question | * Does your answer to the question express a main idea (a point you are going to prove)?
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| **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?
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| **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?
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