

Cite and Explain Your Evidence #1

Literary Response



Answer Sheet

Essayists state an opinion that they can support with strong evidence. They also explain why their evidence matters. Let's take a look at an example of this.

Example

Claim: In Gary Soto's short story "The Marble Champ," Lupe learns that with determination and hard work, you can overcome difficulties and accomplish your goals.

Evidence: On page 37, Soto emphasizes Lupe's dedication when he writes, "... she realized that she had only two weeks to practice." This shows the reader that this story took place in two weeks.

Explanation of Evidence: The author wants the reader to pay attention to the time it took Lupe to learn how to play marbles. At the beginning of the story, Lupe had never played marbles. After only two weeks, Lupe became a champ at this game as a result of practicing every day, even when she was tired.

An **ellipsis** (a series of three dots) is inserted where a word, phrase, or sentence is left out of a quote.

Directions: Take a close look at the example as you complete the following tasks.

1. Highlight the punctuation that the writer used when she wrote the name of the story.
2. Highlight the punctuation that the writer used when she quoted the text.
3. Circle the ellipsis.