

ACE WRITING STRATEGIES

A – Answer the question

- Make the question into a statement that includes your answer.
- Example: How did Jackie Robinson demonstrate the trait of perseverance?
- Jackie Robinson demonstrated the traits of perseverance by **not quitting the baseball team despite the discrimination he faced.**

C – Cite your answer with information that provides support

- Use a quote or specific example from the text.
- Be sure to introduce the quote and put quotation marks around direct quotes.
- Example: For example, **the author states**, “At every game, he had to put up with abuse from the stands; but something inside him would not let him give up.”

E – Explain your answer

- Write a sentence that explains your answer and the supporting evidence.
- This is where you further explain how the evidence supports your answer.
- It’s the “so what” part of your response.
- Don’t introduce any new information.
- Example: **By not giving up, Jackie Robinson was able to break color barriers and become the first African American to play in baseball’s major league.**

Full ACE Response

Jackie Robinson demonstrated the traits of perseverance by not quitting the baseball team despite the discrimination he faced. For example, the author states, “At every game, he had to put up with abuse from the stands; but something inside him would not let him give up.” By not giving up, Jackie Robinson was able to break color barriers and become the first African American to play in baseball’s major league.

Use ACE When

- Answering questions that require textual evidence.
- Answering questions that require evidence or proof
- Answering opinion-based questions