

# The Parts of a Constructed Response

# Claim or Thesis

- Your answer sentence (topic sentence)
- Repeat/Restate the words of the question in your answer.
- Never use "I" or "you"
  - No "I think," "I feel," "In my opinion"
  - No "You are going to see," "You know"

# Evidence

- Provide text evidence to support your claim.
  - Can be word-for-word from the text or paraphrased (in your own words)
- Quotes cannot stand alone (by themselves). They must be **included** into your sentence.
  - Bud explains, “lakskdjflkajsd” (23).
  - Bud explains that his father is Herman E. Calloway (23).
- Must have citations at the end of evidence sentences.
  - Example: ;ldsjf;lkajslfjaskl (**pg #s**).
  - Periods **outside** the parentheses.

# Argument

- Stating how your evidence supports and proves your claim/answer.
- Comes after evidence to explain how it connects to your answer
- Is **NOT** just a restatement of claim
- Ask Yourself:
  - Why did I pick this particular piece of evidence? Why does it answer the main question?

# Claim-Evidence-Argument Cycle



- A good constructed response will have multiple examples/pieces of evidence and connecting argument to support the claim.