The Parts of a Constructed Response

Claim or Thesis

OYour answer sentence (topic sentence)

O Repeat/Restate the words of the question in your answer.

ONever use "I" or "you"

ONo "I think," "I feel," "In my opinion"

ONo "You are going to see," "You know"

Evidence

O Provide text evidence to support your claim.

OCan 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.
 - OBud explains, "lakskdjflkajsd" (23).

OBud explains that his father is Herman E. Calloway (23).

O Must have citations at the end of evidence sentences.

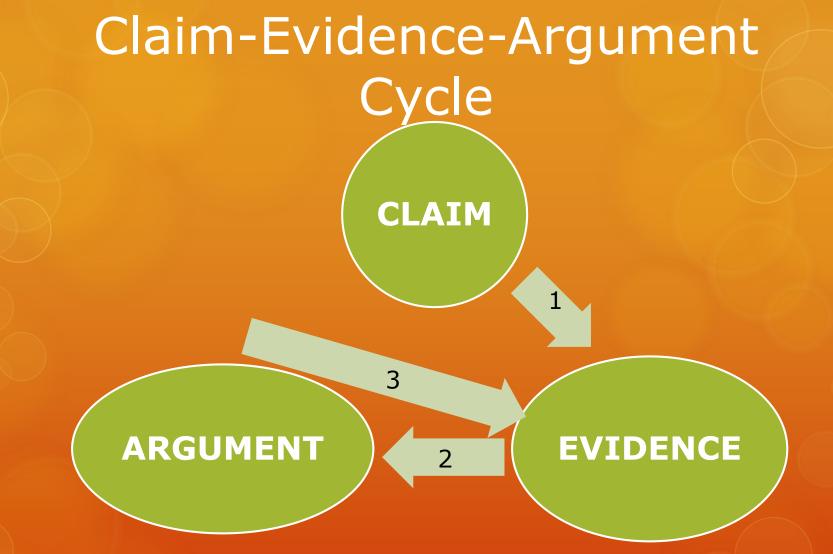
OExample: ;ldsjf;lkajslfjaslk (pg #s). OPeriods outside the parentheses.

Argument

• Stating how your evidence supports and proves your claim/answer.

- O Comes after evidence to explain how it connects to your answer
- O Is **NOT** just a restatement of claimO Ask Yourself:

OWhy did I pick this particular piece of evidence? Why does it answer the main question?



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