



Analytical Writing – How to Respond to a Question

Highlight the keywords in the question before you begin. What are you being asked to do or comment on?

Essay Question: _____

What is your answer to this question?

Top tip – re-word the question and include the keywords as well as your own point/idea.

This is your POINT and also your topic sentence.

What is your EVIDENCE? It should support your POINT.

Embed and introduce the quotation. Ensure that it is part of your sentence and it is clear what it is about. What is the context of the quotation: who, when, why, where, what.

How is your point proven in this quotation? This is where you **EXPLAIN** what the quotation shows and **ANALYSE** how it is shown. Identify a technique or interesting word choice if you can. **What** is the effect? **How** does this reinforce your point?

This is where you make **LINKS** to writer intention or message; context; effect on the reader. **Why** was this particular technique or word chosen by the writer? How does it reinforce their message? What is the effect on the reader? How does it reflect the context at the time
