

MCAS - The Open Response

How to be successful on EVERY open response answer

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW *AND YOU WILL DO VERY WELL ON EACH OPEN RESPONSE QUESTION ON THE MCAS EXAM.*

- 1** **Identify** the question and know what you are being asked to do.
- 2** **Rewrite** the question as a statement with the author, genre, and title = your topic sentence.
- 3** **Outline** your 3 main points from the reading.
- 4** **Use** the topic sentence, 3 main points, and create a final clincher sentence to create your full open response answer.

Being Successful – The Open Response Outline

Open Response Question:

My Topic Sentence (Rewrite the question as a statement and include the author, genre, and title of the reading selection)

My Point #1 (what is your first point to support your topic sentence & what text from the reading backs up your point?)

My Point #2 (what is your second point to support your topic sentence & what text from the reading backs up your point?)

My Point #3 (what is your third point to support your topic sentence & what text from the reading backs up your point?)

My Clincher (Show you have supported the topic sentence and outlined points to back up your topic sentence)