**Yes MA’AM! : Responding with Evidence**

**M**--Me

The first sentence of the response should reword the question and state a personal opinion or direct response to the question.

**A**--Author

The first "A" prompts you to look at what the author said and to include a detail from the text to support your answer. If you paraphrase the example, you do not need to use quotes. If you use the text word-for-word, you must put quotes around it. Here are some suggested sentence starters:

* In the text...
* The text states...
* According to the passage...
* One example from the text...
* The author states...

**A**--Author   
The second "A" reminds you that a constructed response requires multiple supporting details from the author.

* In the text...
* The text also states...
* According to the passage...
* A second example from the text...
* The author also states...

**M**--Me

The response ends with you (“me”) explaining or interpreting the significance of the evidence. One of these sentence starters might help:

* + This shows...
  + This demonstrates...
  + I believe...
  + Now I know...
  + This proves...