# TIPS Reading Selection Open Response

#### **THINK**

### 1. Read the question carefully to clarify your purpose.

What kind of question is it? Can you put your <u>finger on the page</u> to find the answer or do you need to <u>read between the lines</u> and make a judgment based on clues in the text? Combine all the <u>clues</u> in the text with what you already know about the subject to draw a <u>conclusion</u>. This is called an <u>inference</u>.

The inference is <u>your answer</u> to the question.

<u>Test your inference:</u> What examples and details in the text support the answer you have in mind? What makes you think that your answer is correct?

#### WRITE



## Make your point.

State your inference in the <u>first sentence</u> of your response. It is your answer to the reading selection question. Restate the <u>words of the question</u> in your answer to stay focused on your task.



## Provide your proof.

Choose at least <u>two examples</u> and several <u>details</u> from the selection to support your inference.



## **Explain your thinking.**

<u>Explain the examples</u>. How do they support your inference? Help the reader make this connection.

#### **REVIEW**

- ☐ Have I used all the <u>lines</u> provided?
- ☐ Have I used the POINT-PROOF-EXPLAINATION method?
- ☐ Have I proofread my writing? Have I used punctuation effectively?