

# ACE Strategy = Answer | Cite | Expand

## What is ACE?

*ACE is a strategy for Demonstrating Learning with Short Answer, Extended Response Items.* The ACE strategy helps students ‘show they know or can do’ the learning standards as evidenced in a brief, constructed response.

## Why ACE?

The trend in national testing is to remove the ability for kids to guess their answers!

- \*They are being required to provide **evidence** for how they got their answers
- \*Tests are looking for **application** of learning
- \*A great deal of **effective writing** is being required of our students.

## How does ACE help?

ACE is a strategy to help students when answering questions. ACE helps students with a mnemonic and a framework for responding to questions. They should support their answer with information from the text and extend their answer by:

Backing up information from the text with their personal experience or prior knowledge they have about the topic

**And/or**

Explaining why this information is important or significant: “This means... In other words.... I know this because....”

## What actually is the ACE STRATEGY?

Answer the question

- a) Make sure that you completely answer the question.
- b) Use key words from the question in your responses.

Cite evidence from the text to support your answer

- a) Cite evidence from the readings, graphs or illustrations to support, prove or explain.

Expand; *extend*; *explain* your answer

- a) Extend your response by explaining the connection between the information that you cited and the answer.
- b) Make it clear that you know the answer because of the evidence