Practice with Citing Evidence

6th gr

Answer these prompts. Use I.C.E. Please double space and use 12pt font. Follow the tips.

I: **Restate the prompt** for your introduction. To set up a paragraph, use the phrase “for many reasons.”

C: **Clearly identify (cite) where you got your information**. Use the author’s name if you know it. If not, use the title of the article. Use strong signal verbs.

E: **Explain clearly how this evidence supports your thesis, or big idea**.

Tip #1: **Paraphrasing** means rereading, thinking, and saying, “Oh, that means…” Paraphrasing is making your own sentence--NOT substituting words.

Tip #2: **Quoting** means using a sentence that belongs to someone else because it is so compelling. Only quote when the idea or wording stands out. Otherwise, paraphrase.

Tip #3: **Summarizing** is key. Be concise and direct. It is a like a direct punch. Powerful. No need to retell all the details of a case study (a story of a person’s experience).

Tip #4: Cite no more than two pieces of **evidence** in a paragraph. Sure, readers want to hear evidence, but they **also** want to hear your unique **interpretation** of how that evidence supports your big idea.

A. How have immigration trends changed over time?

B. How do Americans feel about immigrants today?

C. Why do immigrants come to America?

D. Where are immigrants coming from according to the census?