Extended Reading Response

*Constructed response*

**Constructed response** questions ask you to answer a question based on the passage you read. You should re-read the passage to find ideas and information that you can use to answer the question based only on the reading you did. You should cite information from the passage in your response.

**Strategic Steps to the Constructed Response**

1. Read The Question Carefully.
2. Think about the answer—based on the passage you read.
3. Decide what your answer is.
4. Look for supporting examples and ideas in the passage to support your answer and mark them with a symbol like E for evidence.
5. List what you will write in your response:
   - My answer
   - Supporting evidence from the passage

6. Write clearly. Start with your answer, support it, conclude—what did you explain?

**Extended Response**

The **Extended Response** question asks you to answer the question based on what you read and what you think. That is the PLUS. You include information and ideas from the reading. You add your own ideas. You can use your own experience to answer the question.

So you should cite information from the passage in your response **PLUS** your own ideas based on what you knew before you read the passage.

**Strategic Steps to the Extended Response**

1. Read The Question Carefully
2. Think about the answer—based on the passage you read and your own ideas
3. Decide what your answer is.
4. Look for supporting examples and ideas in the passage to support your answer and mark them with a symbol like E for evidence
5. Organize your response.

   My answer: ________________________________________________________

   evidence from the passage | My own ideas and conclusions

6. Write clearly. Start with your answer; support it; conclude—how you included your own ideas and conclusions based on evidence from the passage.