

HOW TO FRQ

BEFORE YOU WRITE

Use blue or black pen.

Carefully read the question and circle/underline key words.

Think. Brainstorm. Scribble out an outline. Re-read the prompt. Confirm your plan.

Don't lose track of the prompt or your response. Make sure you "eye bounce!"

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AS YOU WRITE

Write legibly.

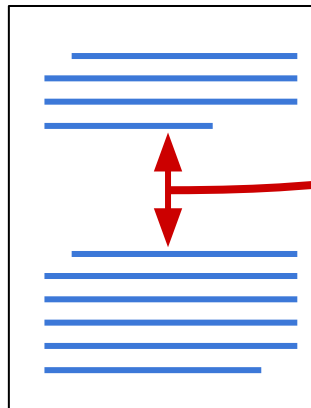
Copy part of the prompt as a lead-in to your response.

Write. Re-read the prompt. Read what you wrote. Confirm you answered the prompt. Write more if needed.



SPARE TIRE

Just like your car, your FRQ can have a spare tire. If a question asks for **ONE** formal power of the POTUS, why not provide a **SECOND** as a "spare" answer?



"Do the Verbs!" (see next page)

Leave 3-4 lines of space between parts A, B, and C of your FRQ.

#BeZen

Include pictures or diagrams if they help you answer the prompt.

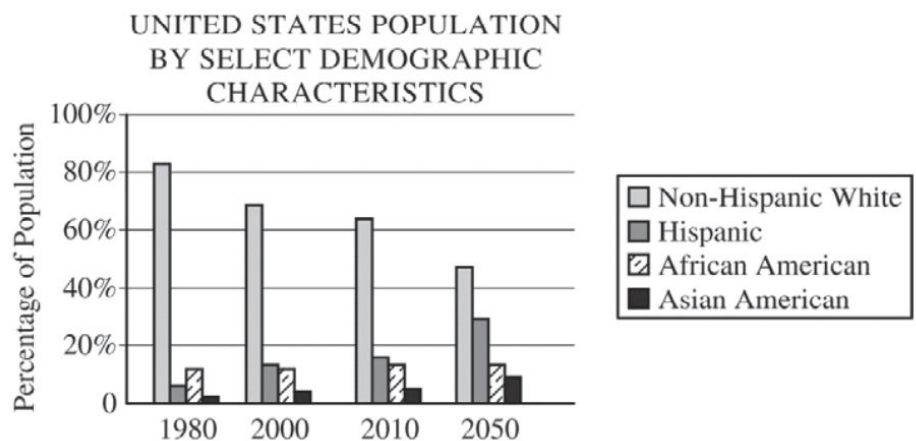
Use examples (hypotheticals are OK).

HOW TO ANALYZE A CHART/GRAPH

1. Read the **TITLE**. What is the graph is about?
2. What does the **X AXIS** measure?
3. What does the **Y AXIS** measure?
4. What does the **KEY/LEGEND** show?
5. Finally look at the **DATA** and look for patterns and trends (touch/draw on the graph to help you see the patterns).

QUOTE THE DATA IN MULTIPLE WAYS

to prove you can read the chart/graph



IDENTIFY a trend about the United States' population.

“DO THE VERBS”



COMPARE

Write a paragraph that identifies a key difference or similarity. Write about both things and cross reference them. Your comparisons need to be clearly stated, not implied.

COMPARE the methods by which the President and Representatives to the US House are elected.

The election methods are different because of WHO elects the officials. Presidents are NOT directly elected by the people but US Representatives are. A person’s vote DIRECTLY picks representatives because the candidate with the most votes wins. However, presidents are INDIRECTLY elected because the popular vote doesn’t matter (just ask Hillary Clinton). 538 members of the Electoral College are the only votes that count. The vote is indirect because electors are supposed to vote for the most popular candidate in their state.

EXPLAIN

Write a paragraph that draws a conclusion about the prompt and backs it up. You have to prove “how/why” your conclusion is correct. Examples can help prove your connection.

EXPLAIN why the Founders chose the Electoral College to elect the President of the United States.

The Founders chose the Electoral College because they distrusted the average American because they didn’t have enough education to cast a knowledgeable vote and could be too easily swayed by a charismatic candidate. They believed in “filtering” pure democracy and instead preferred republican democracy that kept the masses removed from direct control of the government.

AP HACK: Are your explain answers too short? Add a “therefore” or “because” statement and make sure you’re “closing the loop” and proving your conclusion.

DESCRIBE

Write a paragraph that identifies the thing being asked about and then includes 3 details or ‘plus factors’ about it.

DESCRIBE the Electoral College.

The Electoral College is how the POTUS is elected. Each state is awarded electoral votes (EVs) based on their number of reps + senators. States are typically winner-take-all (except for ME and NE) so if Trump wins 10,000 more votes than Clinton in MI, he wins ALL 16 of MI’s EVs. You need a majority of EVs across the country to become president (270).

IDENTIFY

Write a single sentence that correctly answers the prompt.

IDENTIFY the method used to elect the President of the US.

The POTUS is elected using the Electoral College.