**The A.S.E. Response**

**How do we answer questions?**

***We ASE them !!!***

**ASE’d answers should be a paragraph response**

**of (at least) 5-7 sentences in length.**

**A**nswer – Restate the question and provide a simple, but direct, answer.

**State your claim:** *The sky is blue* ***because***… … ...

* The simple answer is usually a 1-2 sentence response.
* Answers should always be declarative not opinionated.
* Include a *‘because’* phrase in your simple answer.
* Avoid pronouns!

**S**upport – Support your answer with a direct quote from the text (TBS).

**Text Based Support:** *The text states, “ … … … “* ***(109).***

* Citations should be no more than 2 sentences.
* Use the ellipses … … … to help you condense the quote.

**E**xplain – Connect the TBS to your simple answer and explain your position.

**Explanation:** *The quote offers support as to why* ***(restate your claim).***

* Explain why you have selected this particular quote.
* How does this quote support the claim you have made?