

How should I cite textual evidence when answering a question?

1. Read the question and determine what you need to answer.

EX. What important character trait do you think Sam Gibley demonstrated in Chapter 2 "In Which I Get Started on This Adventure?" Use textual evidence to support your answer.

2. Start by restating your question and giving your answer.

EX. Sam Gibley demonstrated the character trait of courage in Chapter 2 "In Which I Get Started on This Adventure."

3. Next, explain in your own words why you think the answer is the correct answer.

EX. I think this is true because Sam left his family and his home to venture out on his own in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

4. Then, cite evidence from the text to support what you think. Write a quote from the text exactly as it is written by the author. Put quotation marks around the exact words of the author. Then in parentheses cite the author and page number where you found the quote. Depending on the questions, you may need to cite evidence more than once in order to make your answer better.

EX. Sam said, "I am running away from home and this is just the kind of forest I have always dreamed I would run to. I think I'll camp here tonight." (George, p. 9).

5. Then explain why you chose the quote you did to support your answer.

EX. I think this quote shows courage. I don't know anyone who would actually run away to the wilderness all alone and not be completely afraid.

6. End the answer by restating again in a new way to make your answer seem finished.

EX. Sam Gibley shows courage by even getting started on such an adventure.

Putting it all together.

Sam Gibley demonstrated the character trait of courage in Chapter 2 "In Which I Get Started on This Adventure." I think this is true because Sam left his family and his home to venture out on his own in the Catskill Mountains of New York. Sam said, "I am running away from home and this is just the kind of forest I have always dreamed I would run to. I think I'll camp here tonight" (George, p. 9). I think this quote shows courage. I don't know anyone who would actually run away to the wilderness all alone and not be completely afraid. Sam Gibley shows courage by even getting started on such an adventure.

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