

Focus Question Format

Directions: Your focus Question must be:

- One paragraph
- At least 11 sentences long
- Include at least 3 quote sandwiches
- No Contractions (can't, don't, aren't)
- Do not use first person (I, we, my)
- Do not talk to the reader (You)
- Use only **present tense verbs**
- MLA format of paper

Sentence #		What your sentence is about:
Introduction	1	Topic Sentence: Introduce the answer by restating the question. Include the author and title of text.
Quote Sandwich # one	2	Begin with a Transitional word (first), then state claim #1 . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	3	Embed a quote that reinforces claim #1. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Dr. Shaner always said, "It's a banner day to be a stallion" (10).
	4	Recap – explain how claim #1 and the quote work together to prove the claim to be true. Use your own words.
Quote Sandwich # two	5	Begin with a Transitional word (Next), then state claim #2 . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	6	Embed a quote that reinforces claim #2. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Dr. Shaner always said, "It's a banner day to be a stallion" (10).
	7	Recap – explain how claim #2 and the quote work together to prove the claim to be true. Use your own words.
Quote Sandwich # three	8	Begin with a Transitional word (Finally), then state claim #3 . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	9	Embed a quote that reinforces claim #3. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Dr. Shaner always said, "It's a banner day to be a stallion" (10).
	10	Recap – explain how claim #3 and the quote work together to prove the claim to be true. Use your own words.
Conclusion	11	Concluding Sentence: sentence will vary, follow answer plan directions . May conclude by: explaining, stating your opinion, describing, predicting, making a personal observation, comparing or contrasting, or justifying your response.