

RACE

Action Step

Why	Holding students accountable to showing their work, or DEMONSTRATING & DEFENDING THEIR CLAIMS (D&D), ensures that you know exactly what your next steps will be to meet the needs of the group. D&D strategies, such as RACE, give students tools and processes that help them not just think critically but to be academic scholars who can organize a clear defense of their thinking. Something they will use for their entire lives.
Action Step	What: Students will use the RACE strategy to demonstrate and defend their thinking through oral responses and written work.
Break It Down	How: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> During Intellectual Prep, create teacher exemplars for CFUs and quizzes using RACE<input type="checkbox"/> To promote full inclusion, the teacher, with the support staff member, identifies any students who may need modification or accommodations such as orally retelling RACE (vs writing) or completing a partial RACE<input type="checkbox"/> Explicitly teach RACE to the class & why citing evidence is so important for scholars in primary, secondary and in college<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that students can use RACE with the appropriate questions that require citations as defense<input type="checkbox"/> Allow students to practice RACE in both discussions and in their written responses<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporate RACE into writing informational and opinion essays<input type="checkbox"/> Have RACE posted for student reference
Teacher Stems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Can you restate the question in your answer?✓ Did you answer all parts of the question?✓ What evidence from the text supports your claim?✓ How does the evidence you cited support your answer?✓ Can you further explain your reasoning in your own words?✓ What part of RACE was missing?
Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RACE Student Presentation Grades 3-8• RACE Continuum for K-8• Demonstrate & Defend Posters• Demonstrate & Defend Question Stems
Questions to Consider	How does RACE promote critical thinking? How can RACE help students defend their thinking? Why is RACE an essential part of writing explanatory and opinion essays? What does RACE look like in K-2? What accommodations or modifications would your students need?
Videos	Middle School Students Using RACE in Self Guided Discussion Third Grade Students Using RACE (shown below)