



How to Write a Four Star Extended Response





1. Read the question carefully. Make sure you understand what the question is asking you!!!

2. Restate the question in a sentence. (See Example)

3. Use 3 examples from the book. Explain each example. (See Example)

4. After each book example, use your own thoughts and feelings to explain the example.

5. Restate the question with more feeling. (See Example)





(1) "Jesse's dad gets up early every morning to look for work, even though there is no job to go to. What does this tell you about Jesse's dad?"

(2) Jesse's dad gets up early every morning to look for work. This tells me a lot about Mr. Aarons. (3 + 4) Mr. Aarons' cares about his family. He looks for work because he wants to help his family out, which tells me that he cares about his family. Mr. Aarons is also a determined person.. Mr. Aarons looks every morning for work, knowing that he will probably be coming home at night without a steady job. But Mr. Aarons doesn't give up! He keeps getting up early in the morning to go look for work, hoping that this will be the day that he finally comes home with a job. Mr. Aarons is also a responsible person. He keeps looking because he knows that he has a family at home who needs him. (5) After reading Bridge to Terabithia, I found out that Mr. Aarons is responsible, determined, and cares about his family. What a dad!

