## APE It!

How to SAQ

# Answer the Question. This is the

#### assertion or claim.

Provide Examples that specifically

# support your claim

Explain how the evidence proves

#### that assertion.

### A- Answer P- Provide Examples E- Explain

#### Details

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Writing

- 20% of test; 40 minutes to complete; 3 Questions; 13 minutes per question
- #1 & 2 from periods 3-8
- Choice between #3
   (Periods 1-4) and #4

(Periods 5-8)

#### What is an SAQ?

The short answer question requires students to accurately answer a question briefly, specifically, and accurately. A typical answer should be between 2-4 sentences for each part.

All 3 parts of the question must be answered. Questions are usually broken into 3 parts a, b, and c, but sometimes part a or

part b will have 2 questions within—it always asks 3 questions—so read carefully.

# SAQ Do's

- Use complete sentences (2-4 per part)
- Can answer in any order
  Use the language of the prompt to answer the question
- Pay close attention to what the question is asking you; look for key words (Analyze, Describe, Explain)
- Look for plurals (Reasons, Causes)

### SAQ Don'ts

- No thesis statement is needed
- Don't write all answers together in one paragraph
- Don't write outside of the box
- Don't create bulleted lists as an answer to your questions