

# Focus Question Format

Directions: Your focus question must be:

- One paragraph
- At least 10 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	<b>Topic Sentence:</b> Introduce the answer by restating the question. Include the author and title of text.
Quote Sandwich # one	2	Begin with a <b>Transitional word</b> (first), then state <b>claim #1</b> . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	3	Embed a <b>quote</b> that reinforces claim #1. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Mr. Dignan always says, "It's a great day to be a Marauder" (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 <b>Transitional word</b> (Next), then state <b>claim #2</b> . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	6	Embed a <b>quote</b> that reinforces claim #2. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Mr. Dignan always says, "It's a great day to be a Marauder" (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 <b>Transitional word</b> (Finally), then state <b>claim #3</b> . A claim is your observation or opinion stated as a fact.
	9	Embed a <b>quote</b> that reinforces claim #3. Use proper MLA quote formatting. Example: Mr. Dignan always says, "It's a great day to be a Marauder" (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	<b>Concluding Sentence:</b> sentence will vary, <b>follow answer plan directions</b> . May conclude by: explaining, stating your opinion, describing, predicting, making a personal observation, comparing or contrasting, or justifying your response.