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WRITTEN RESPONSE: R.A.C.E STRATEGY

What is the RACE Strategy?

RACE is a tool that helps you write complete, evidence-based answers.

R: RESTATE the question in your answer

A: ANSWER the question completely

C: CITE evidence from the story (use quotation marks "like this")

E: EXPLAIN how your evidence supports your answer

If you're not sure how to start, try using one of these sentence frames:

R - Restate:

The question asks ...

This question is about ...

We need to figure out ...

A - Answer:

The answer is ...

I believe that ...

C - Cite Evidence:

The story says, "..."

According to the story, "..."

For example, in Chapter 3, "..."

E - Explain:

This shows that ...

This evidence proves ...

This is important because ...



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Prompt: Why doesn't Abigail have magic yet? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

STEP 1: Plan Your Response

R - Restate the question: _____

A - Answer completely: _____

C - Cite Evidence (include chapter):

Quote 1: _____

(chapter _____)

Quote 2: _____

(chapter _____)

E - Explain. How does this evidence support your answer?

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STEP 2: Write Your Final Paragraph

Put it all together into one smooth paragraph. Your paragraph should be 5-7 sentences long and flow smoothly from one idea to the next. Check your work before turning it in.

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STEP 3: Edit Your Work

Self Editing Checklist:

- I restated the question in my first sentence.
- I answered the question completely.
- I included at least one quote with quotation marks.
- I explained how my evidence supports my answer.
- I started sentences with capital letters.
- I ended sentences with correct punctuation.
- I checked my spelling.

