

# How do I answer an Open-Response question?



Let's discuss  
how to write  
an open-  
response  
answer so  
that this  
won't be you  
on test day.



Step 1:

**Read the question.** Circle the words that tell you what to do. Underline key words in the question.

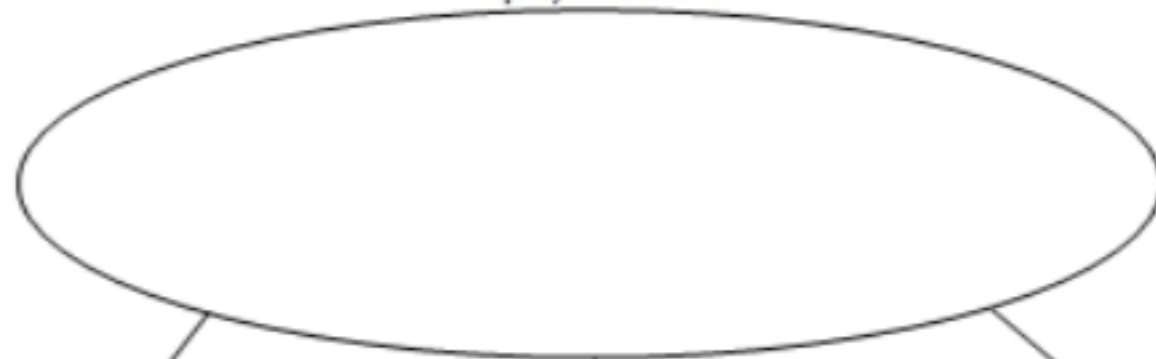
What are the important words here?

In Arthur Miller's play *The Crucible*, explain why it could be said that truth did not serve Salem's citizens well. Use relevant and specific information from the story to support your answer.

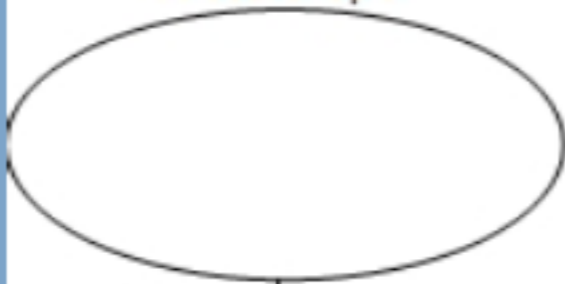
## Step 2:

1. **Brainstorm** an answer and **outline** an answer in the **SPACESHIP** format.

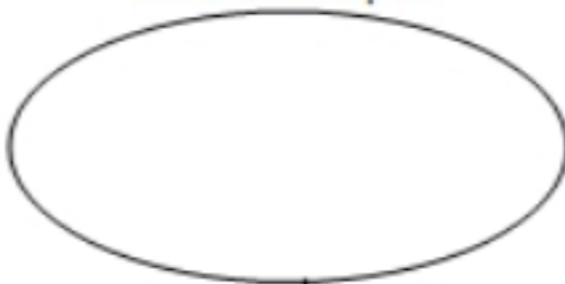
Topic/Answer:



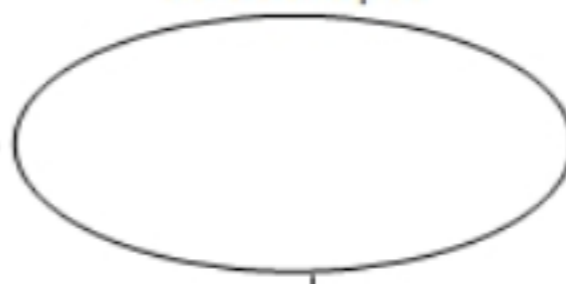
First Example:



Second Example:



Third Example:



**I**

**I**

**I**

**D/E**

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**D/E**

**A**

**A**

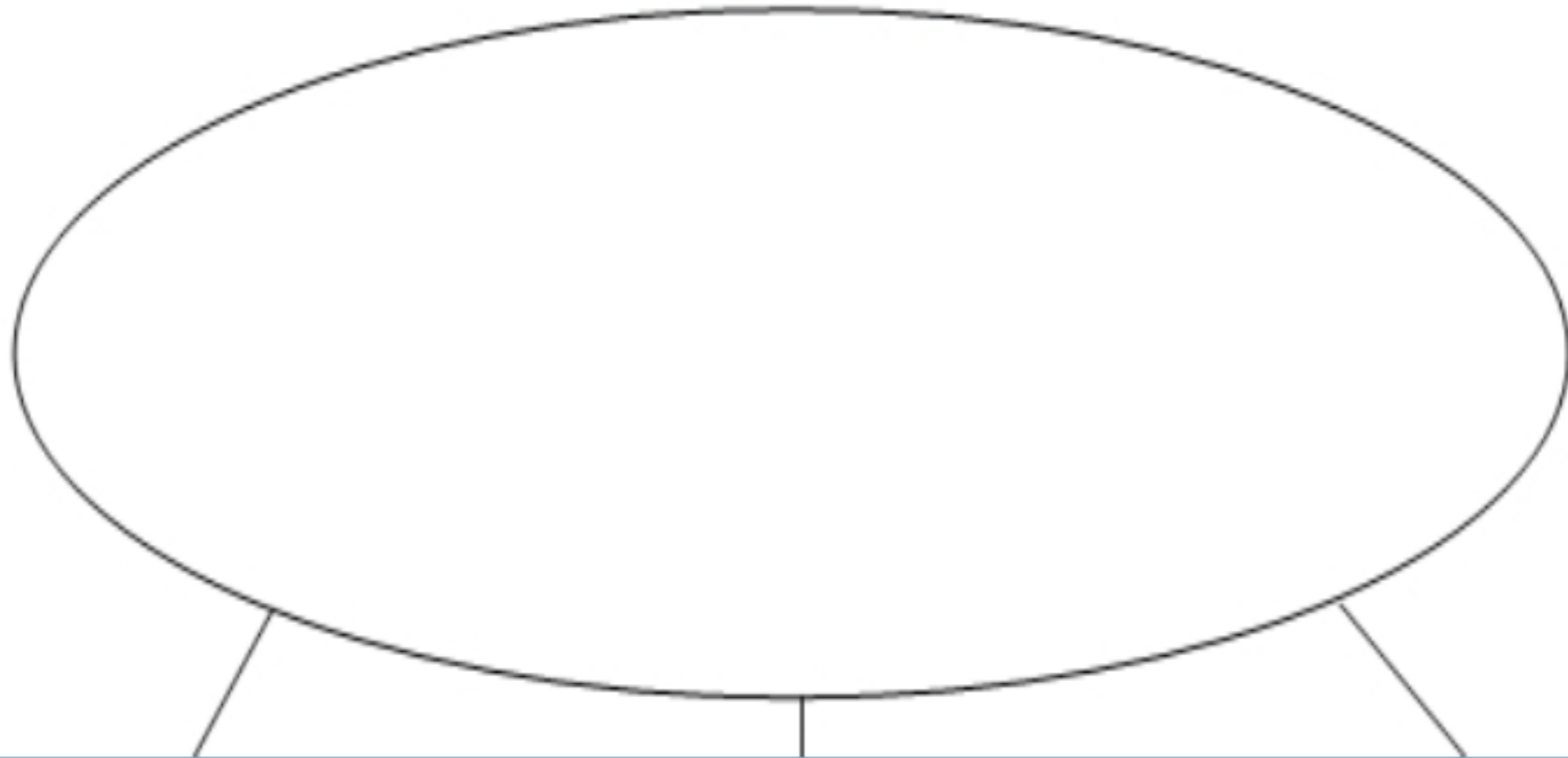
**A**

Closing Sentence:



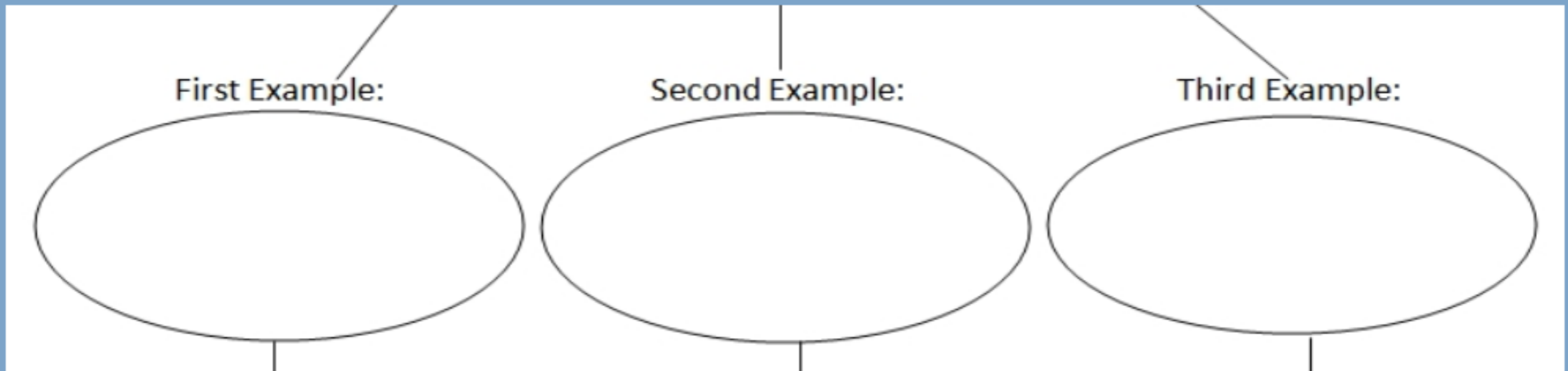
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Topic/Answer:



This should **RESTATE** the question and have an **ANSWER** to the question.

# What goes in these?



Each bubble is a different example that you will explain in depth later. These are not sentences in the open response, these are merely **BRAINSTORMING BUBBLES**.

Once you have your main examples,  
it's time to start writing sentences/  
notes. INTRODUCE EACH EXAMPLE.  
ONE SENTENCE FOR EACH!

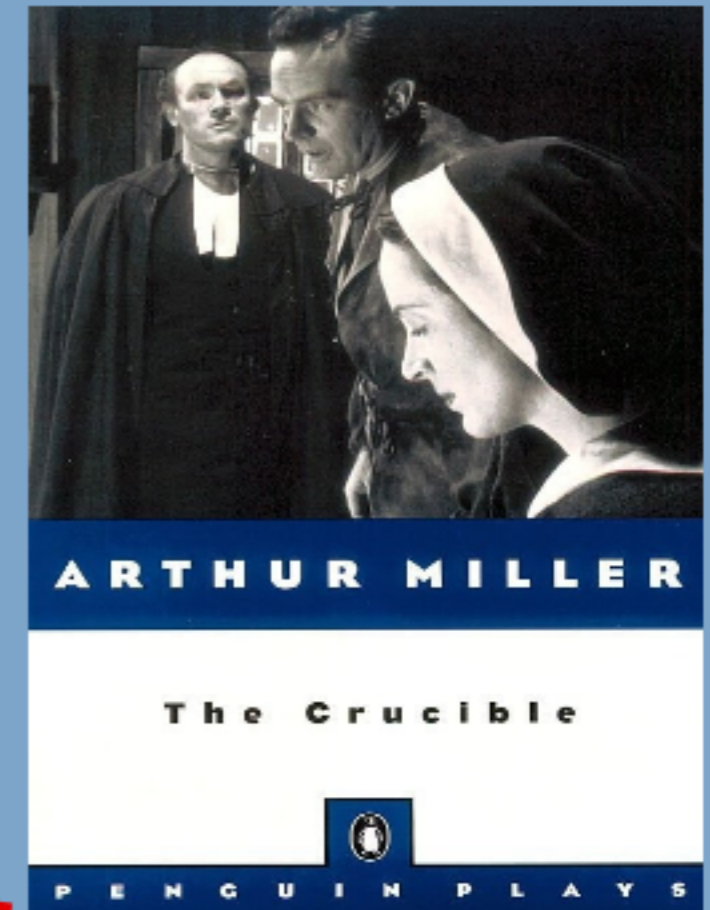
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Follow each example with supporting details/evidence or a supporting quote. Here, you will explain a situation from the book that relates to your TOPIC SENTENCE.



D/E

D/E

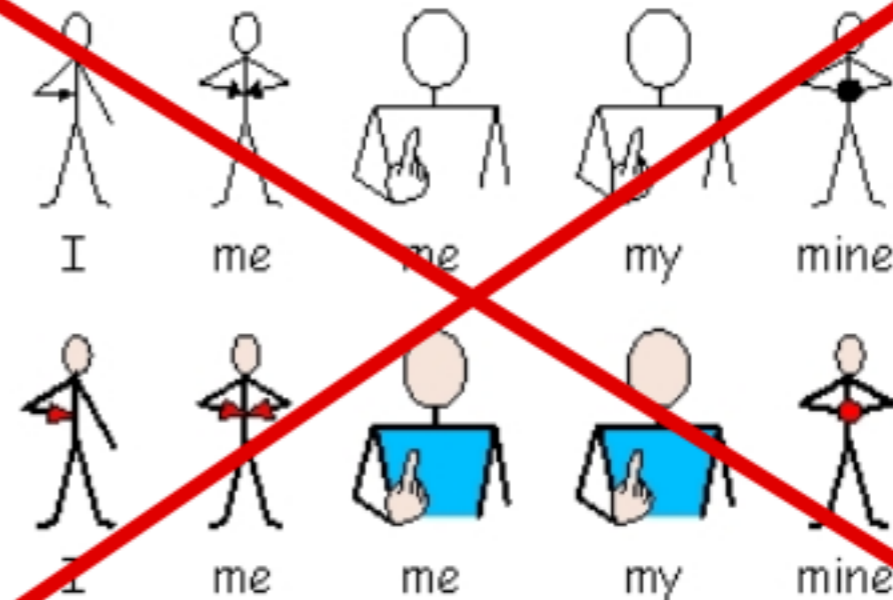
D/E

Follow supporting details/evidence with an **ANALYSIS** (but do not use personal pronouns I, me, my, etc.). Analysis is the **EXPLANATION** of why your **EVIDENCE** proves your **TOPIC SENTENCE**.

A

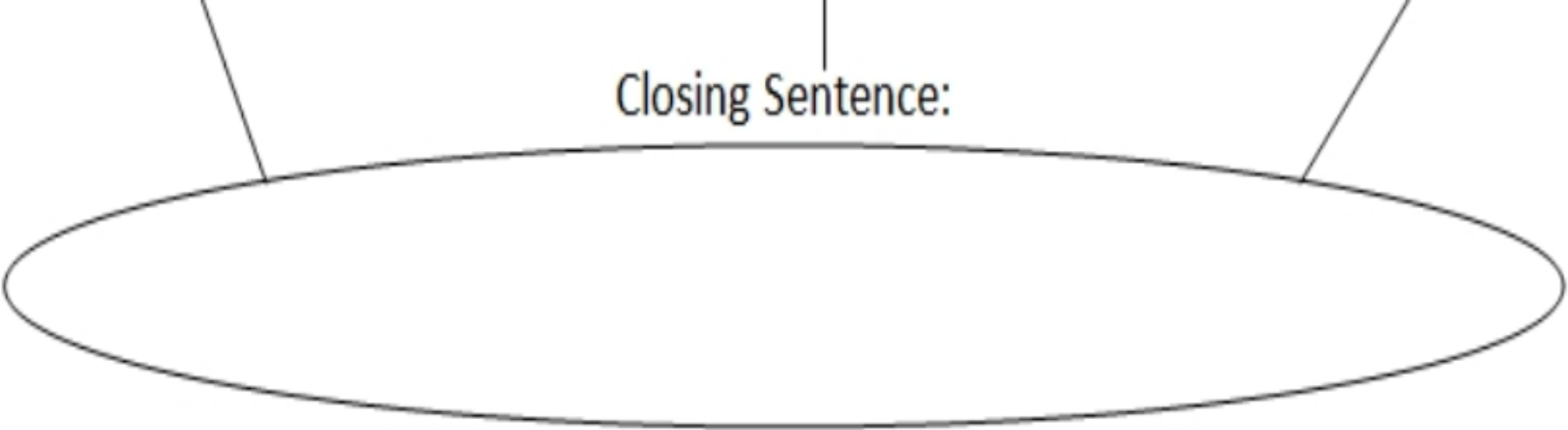
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# CLOSING SENTENCE

Basically you are repeating the topic sentence in a different way.



Closing Sentence:

Now, we are going to use this question to write a practice open response.

Use the following page to outline your ideas.

Then, go to **GOOGLE DRIVE**. Create a new document and put it in your English folder and start writing.

- Introductory sentence
- Example 1
- Quote/detail to support example 1
- Comment/Analysis
- Example 2
- Quote/detail to support example 2
- Comment/Analysis
- Example 3
- Quote/detail to support example 3
- Comment/Analysis
- Concluding sentence

NOTE: This sentence checklist will appear on your test, but you will have to make your own SPACESHIP graphic organizer if you want to use it.

**QUESTION:** In Arthur Miller's play *The Crucible*, explain why it could be said that truth did not serve Salem's citizens well. Use relevant and specific information from the story to support your answer.

