



From Short Response to Extended Response

★ Daily Deck

Day 1 · Gather & Reveal

Passages: “The Energy We Use Everyday” & “Columbus’s Arrival”

nonfiction · Low Stamina · the ECR Tree

**How does understanding the passage, the prompt,
and the parts of an ECR help us build a strong
informative response?**

ECR prompts are NOT questions, they are STATEMENTS. ECR only has TWO
TYPES, WHY and HOW.

Roots strong, trunk tall, branches growing.

★ Read the Prompt, Grow the Tree

Day 1 · Reveal (cont.)

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Mark the Prompt (Roots)

NOI Noun of Importance, what the prompt is about

VOI Verb of Importance, what you must do

Clue the WHY or HOW that tells you the ECR type

NOI (Noun of Importance): what the prompt is about.

VOI (Verb of Importance): what you must do.

Watch Me!

Prompt: Explain how renewable and nonrenewable resources affect decisions about energy use.

NOI: renewable and nonrenewable resources. **VOI:** affect. **Clue:** how.
Renewable and nonrenewable resources both affect energy decisions because each has advantages and limitations.

I marked the NOI, VOI, and clue in the prompt, then built a thesis (central idea) on the trunk.

★ Award & Target!

Day 4 · Award & Target

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Award 🏆

Give yourself credit for growing your tree today.

- I built a thesis (central idea) on the trunk.
- I marked the NOI, VOI, and clue in the prompt.
- I connected evidence to my thesis (central idea).
- I explained what my evidence proves.

Target 🎯

“My next ECR-tree goal is _____
because _____.”

Curiosity Questions

Why might two people answer the same prompt differently? How do stronger explanations make writing more powerful? What happens when evidence is weak?

★ My Progress Tracker

This tracker is for YOU! As you read and write this week, look at each skill. If you can do it all by yourself, color in the box that matches how you feel. Be honest, this helps you see how much you are growing!

I Can...	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it
Name the roots, trunk, and branches of an ECR.	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it
Mark the NOI, VOI, and WHY/HOW clue in a prompt.	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it
Write a thesis (central idea) that answers the prompt.	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it
Support my thesis (central idea) with evidence and explanation.	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it
Check my sentence for conventions.	Not yet	Getting set	I can do it