# CER Drafting Tool

## CLAIM

- State the answer to a question
- State what you will prove with the evidence
- Provide relevant background information

### Sentence Starters

- I intend to show ___________.
- I know ______ is true because ___________.
- I determined that _______.
- I believe that _______.
- The cause of ______ is _____________.
- Scientists have proven that __________.
- I support the idea that _______.
- The factors that contribute to ____________ are ___________.

### Draft Section I.

## EVIDENCE

- Demonstrate understanding
- Give evidence from the text
- Cite the author/article
- Give an example

### Sentence Starters

- The author/article states that ___________.
- On page _____, the text says ________.
- According to pg. ______, I know that ___________.
- An example from the text is _____________.
- One way to prove ____________ is by looking at/analyzing/citing ________________.
- I know my claim is true because _____________.

### Draft Section II.

## REASONING

- Connect evidence to your claim
- Explain how your evidence supports your claim

### Sentence Starters

- My evidence supports my claim by _______.
- As you can see by my evidence, ___________.
- The facts clearly indicate ___________.
- The facts that ____________ shows that ___________.
- The evidence above means that _____________.
- This evidence implies that _____________.
- This evidence proves _____________.
- because _____________.

### Draft Section III.

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