

Thursday December 9, day 60

Constructed Response Questions.

F.(p42-43) Explain how the modern farm is like a factory.

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Tips:

- Read and reread the passages very carefully.
- Make a claim involving an inference.
- Evidence, Explain, Evidence, Explain, etc.

F. p.42-43 Let's *brainstorm* an answer.

Take out a clean sheet of paper; we will brainstorm at the top. And write our answer below.

The modern farm is like a factory  
in three ways.     topic / claim

\* turns raw materials into finished products

↑ ex ← fertilizer & seeds --- crops  
          • plastic ---- toys

\* produces one product — subtopic

↑ ex ← monoculture -- corn  
          • Iphone factory ---- only Iphones

\* depends on fossil fuels — subtopic

↑ ex ← fertilizer, pesticides, tractors  
          • run machines, assembly lines

Conclusion

Use phrases such as "First,"  
"Second," and "For example,"

F. The modern farm is like a factory in three ways. First, the farm turns raw materials into finished products. Every year, the farmer must purchase raw materials (seeds and fertilizer) and turn these into crops just like a factory might purchase plastic and turn it into toys. Second, the farm produces one product (sometimes two). In this monoculture, farms grow one crop – corn (maybe soybeans) just like an iPhone factory produces only iPhones. Third, farms now require great amounts of fossil fuels in the fertilizers and the pesticides and to run the farm machines. Factories also use fossil fuels to power the machines and assembly lines. The term “industrial farm” accurately describes the similarities between modern farms and factories.