**Making C.L.E.A.R. Clearer!**

**Writing Component Prompt**

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| **CLAIM**  (the answer) | * “What question are you answering? Read it.” * “Use some of the words from the question to give your answer. Make sure to tell what book you’re reading. (Parent, listen and help with wording) * “Now, write that down.” * “Now, add the word “because” and explain your answer a little more.”   Suggested sentences starters: *I believe…, I disagree that…,* |
| **LEAD TO**  (the background) | * “OK, so look at the first piece of text evidence that you are going to use for your answer. Paraphrase what has happened in the article/story and/or what led up to your evidence?   (Parent, listen and help with wording)   * “So write that down.”   Suggested sentences starters: *For instance..., for example..., according to the text..., the author claimed….in the story…, the character had been...* |
| **EVIDENCE**  (direct quote from book) | * “Choose words from the text that show why you answered the question that way. Make sure you put quotation marks around it.” |
| **ANALYSIS**  (explain why that supports your answer) | * “So HOW does that help explain your claim/answer again?” * “Write that down then.”   Suggested sentences starters: *This means..., this shows..., this proves..., this supports the idea that..., this reveals..., this illustrated...* |
|  | (Repeat the “lead to,” “text evidence,” and “analysis,” sections with an additional example to support your claim/answer for the prompt.) |
| **REVISIT CLAIM**  (summary/conclusion) | * “What was the point you were trying to make?” * OR “What can someone learn/realize from that?”   (Parent, listen and help with wording)   * “Write that down. Awesome job! All done!!” |

Classroom C.L.E.A.R. Example

We feel that the villain in the story Jack and the Beanstalk is actually Jack for two reasons: he steals and kills the giant. For example, when Jack and his mother ran out of money, Jack climbed the beanstalk and stole bags of gold. As if that wasn’t bad enough, when that ran out, Jack decided to climb up the beanstalk to steal AGAIN. “Jack tip-toed and caught hold of the golden hen…” that laid the golden eggs. Jack made the decision to steal from the ogre again, so this proves that he is dishonest by repeatedly taking things that are not his.

Jack is also the bad guy because he killed the ogre. In the text, when the ogre is chasing Jack for stealing from him a THIRD time, Jack climbed down the beanstalk and grabbed an ax and chopped at the beanstalk. The text states, “The ogre fell down and broke his crown and the beanstalk came toppling down.” This reveals that Jack killed the ogre as he ran away. If Jack hadn’t decided to commit the crime of stealing in the first place, the ogre would not have died. Jack stole from the ogre on several occasions and is directly responsible for the ogre’s death. Therefore, we believe that technically, he should be considered the villain in the story.