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## Making Your Case: Locating and Marking-up Evidence in the Text

Just the Facts	Just the Steps
<p><b>Fact #1:</b> Good readers are like lawyers: they ALWAYS go back to the text to find evidence to support their claim or answer choice. This is called 'making your case.'</p>  <p><b>Fact #2:</b> The answers are always in the text – the evidence can be from more than one section of text and may require some inference, but it's always contained in the text.</p> <p><b>Fact #3:</b> In very rare cases, you'll need to use prior knowledge to answer the question – you won't be able to find explicit evidence in the text (EX: questions about genre and figurative language).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read the question.</li><li>2. Restate what the question is asking you.</li><li>3. Go back to the passage to find the 'best' piece of evidence for your answer.</li><li>4. When you find the best piece of evidence, write the question number and circle it in the left margin. Underline the text containing the evidence.</li></ol>

### Example #1

Ms. Hunter absolutely loves Katy Perry. She can't get enough of her! She loves to listen to 'Firework' on repeat while driving to work each morning. Katy's music makes Ms. Hunter feel like she's a teenager again. Ms. Hunter is planning to play Katy Perry's songs on repeat at the next school dance.

### Questions:

1. Which of the following is a reason why Ms. Hunter loves Katy Perry?

- A. Katy Perry is one of Ms. Hunter's idols.
- B. Katy Perry's music makes Ms. Hunter feel like she's a teenager again.
- C. Ms. Hunter loves all types of pop music.

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D. Katy Perry is a role model for children everywhere.

**2. Which of the following will probably happen at the next school dance?**

- A. Ms. Hunter will only play music by Justin Bieber.
- B. Ms. Hunter won't go to the dance – she hates dancing!
- C. Ms. Hunter will not allow Katy Perry's songs to be played.
- D. Ms. Hunter will play Katy Perry's songs on repeat.

**Example #2**

Today's lacrosse is very different from the form of the game that was played in the 1600s by Native Americans. One major difference is the reason for playing the game. When it was played by the Iroquois and other tribes, it was often a religious ritual or training for war. Today the game is played by college students and professional leagues for entertainment. Another difference is the number of players per team. In the past, the tribes could have hundreds of players on each team, but today's game has a limit to the number of players allowed on the field at a time.

3. Why did the Iroquois play lacrosse in the 1600s?

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Why did you select this response?

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4. Which of the following statements is true about lacrosse?

- A. The Iroquois play lacrosse games for religious reasons.
- B. Today's lacrosse game is very similar to the way it was played in the past.
- C. Today's lacrosse game is very different from the way the game was played in the past.
- D. Tribes could have hundreds of players on each team.

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Why did you select this answer choice?

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**Example #3:**

Little Havana is a Cuban neighborhood in Miami, Florida. It is a peaceful community that rarely sees any trouble. In the spring of 2000, however, the community was turned upside down. Huge crowds gathered in the streets. Police officers set up roadblocks. Helicopters circled the skies. Hundreds of television and newspaper reporters roamed the area. What was the cause of all this excitement? Was it a hurricane? A bomb threat? No. The cause of the excitement was a six-year-old boy named Elian Gonzalez. He had been found floating in the ocean four months earlier. He and his family were trying to escape Cuba for the freedom they knew they'd find in the United States. And ever since his rescue, the story had been causing an uproar in Little Havana – and throughout the rest of the world.

5. What was the cause of all of the excitement in the spring of 2000?

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Why did you select this answer?

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6. The author writes that Elian's arrival caused an **uproar**. This means... \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain how you know:

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**Extra Spicy (if you finish early – don't burn yourself! It's hot!):**

What happens when you DON'T use this strategy? Why?

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What can you do to remind yourself to use this strategy on the next IA? On the New York State Exam?

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