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# Constructing a Response

**Directions:** Read "Is It Wrong to Talk About the Election?" and complete the activity on page 29. Then follow the steps below to write a response to the question on page 29.

→ See *Scope's* "How to Answer a Constructed-Response Question" for tips and information about how to complete this activity!

Question from page 29:

Based on what you just read, would the author say it is wrong to talk about the election?

## Step 1: Write your claim.

Complete the sentence below to write your claim in response to the question. Don't forget to include your explanation!

The author would say that \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Step 2: Provide text evidence with commentary.

Write two details from the article that support your claim. You can write them in the form of direct quotations or paraphrases. Include a citation for each and also explain how each supports your claim.

**Detail 1 :** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Sentence explaining how this supports my claim :** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Detail 2 :** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Sentence explaining how this supports my claim :** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### **Step 3: Write a conclusion.**

You might say whether you agree with the author or not and why. Or you could mention how the author's ideas connect to your life—whether you and your friends and family have been talking about the election, and whether you think you would benefit from taking the author's advice. Or come up with an idea of your own!

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Now it's time to put it all together. And guess what: You've already done the hardest part of the work! What's left is to take what you just wrote and put it together into one flowing paragraph. Write your final response on a separate sheet of paper.

**Remember to:**

- Use transitions between sentences.
- Read the whole thing when you are done to make sure your ideas are clear. Revise as needed.
- When you are satisfied with your paragraph, read it again to make sure there are no spelling or punctuation mistakes.