

## Common Core ELA Test -- Part 3

### **Text-Analysis Response (2 to 3 paragraphs long)**

**STEP ONE** = Identify a central idea in the text.

**STEP TWO (implied)** = Choose a writing strategy (used by the author) to discuss in your response. The second bullet under “Guidelines” in the directions lists 13 examples of writing strategies.

**STEP THREE (the biggest part)** = **Analyze** how the author’s use of **one** writing strategy **develops** this central idea.

Must you include specific examples and direct quotes from the text to illustrate the writing strategy? **YES**, because you are writing a “text-based response.”

Must you explain how these examples illustrate the writing strategy and explain how this strategy develops the central idea? **YES**, because you are **analyzing** the author’s use of the strategy. **To analyze** means to examine parts to understand how they work together to create meaning as a whole.