Writing a 4-Star Response Prompt with RACE

Turn the question into a statement. This is the first thing you should do whenever you are answering a question!

Ex: The book *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* caused me to feel many strong emotions.

Answer the question

Give a direct answer to the question. Sometimes it will be a continuation of the question, and sometimes it will be its own sentence.

Ex: The main emotion that I felt was sadness for Bradley Chalkers.

Give SPECIFIC examples from the text. Don't just say that someone was mean – tell exactly what they did that was mean! One example is not enough. Give 2 or 3!

Ex: Bradley wasn't always the nicest boy, but it was how others were mean to him and made fun of him. For example, several boys called him "Chicken Chalkers." No one wanted to sit anywhere near him in the classroom.

Experience

Give your personal opinion that relates to the answer, or tell about a time that something similar happened to you or someone you know.

Ex: I always feel bad for people when they're being mean. Even if someone is mean, they don't deserve to be treated badly.

Putting it all together:

The book *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* caused me to feel many strong emotions. The main emotion that I felt was sadness for Bradley Chalkers. Bradley wasn't always the nicest boy, but it was how others were mean to him and made fun of him. For example, several boys called him "Chicken Chalkers." No one wanted to sit anywhere near him in the classroom; his desk was an island. I always feel bad for people when they're being mean. Even if someone is mean, they don't deserve to be treated badly.