Rules for Answering Questions
(edited for 5th grade)

1. Read each question carefully.
   ✓ Look for key words—underline them if possible
   ✓ Check to see if the questions is asking for more than one answer

2. Always answer in complete sentences. Use correct punctuation. Use capitals at the beginning of sentences, punctuation at the end.

3. To start your answer, restate the question.

4. Use actual names - do not use pronouns until you have specifically named the characters. Avoid he, she, it, they.

5. Do not begin answers with
   ✓ Because (Also never begin with “Yes, because” or “No, because”)
   ✓ So
   ✓ That

If you had information available to answer these questions, how would you begin your sentences? Rewrite these questions as statements and leave dots “....” to show where you would use your own words IF you had the information.

Example:
Question: What does the color red symbolize in the story?
Answer: In the story, the color red symbolizes....

1. Tell what kind of person you think the author is, and how you know this about him.

2. Describe two unusual things the explorers saw in the cave.

3. Describe three ways in which Jack helped James.
4. How are Thomas's feelings about Aunt Linzy different from Grandfather's?

5. Why is the 1900 Galveston hurricane called the deadliest natural disaster in United States history?


7. Why were a lariat and a horse each important things for a cowboy?

8. Give two reasons why Stuart begins to cry when he sees the wrecked car?

9. Identify the kind of climate that you live in. Then write two facts and two opinions about that climate?

10. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of using only a map or only a globe to present information about the Earth?