SCR Planner and Checklist

Name _____ Date _____

1. Read the prompt twice and underline the key words

Task word: explain, analyze, compare, describe, or argue?

Focus: what exactly am I writing about?

Requirements: how much evidence? Which part of the text?

2. Find two strong pieces of evidence before you write

Strong evidence is a direct quote, a specific detail, or a particular moment. Not a vague summary.

Evidence 1 · paragraph _____

Evidence 2 · paragraph _____

3. Answer the question in your first sentence

Turn the prompt into a statement. No background, no build up.

4. Explain what each piece of evidence shows

Evidence, then analysis. Say what the quote reveals and connect it back to your answer.

Evidence 1 shows...

Evidence 2 shows...

5. Tie it together

One or two sentences. Connect the evidence to your main idea.

6. Reread and check every box

- [ ] I answered the specific question the prompt asked.
- [ ] I included at least two pieces of text evidence.
- [ ] I explained how each piece of evidence connects to my main point.
- [ ] My opening sentence makes my answer clear.
- [ ] I reread my response at least once.