Here is an example of a student’s answer to the “Adelina’s Whales” question #5. We use the APE strategy to answer the question (A: answer the question by rewording the question leaving off the questioning word, P: prove your answer with examples from the text, E: explain your answer).

I believe the whales will always be a part of Adelina’s life. In the text it states the whales have taught Adelina that the world is a big place. Adelina says she wants to be a biologist and unlock some of the mysteries of the whales in her own backyard. Last of all, the text states on page 359, Adelina could be a photographer, but no matter what she chooses to do in her life, the whales will always be a part of it. These examples prove the whales will always be a part of Adelina’s life.