

Mental Moves

Determine

1. Identify Choices

What am I being asked to determine? Am I being given choices or is the question open-ended?

2. Identify the Task

What is the takeaway or product of this determination?
What am I being asked to produce or decide?

3. Find Support

What evidence will help me make this determination?

4. Organize

How can I explain my choice through the use of argument and counterargument or a structured presentation of evidence?

5. Draw Conclusions

What is the central meaning, idea, or message of this text, these data, or this information? What is my determination?