

From Constructed Response to Integrated Response Essay (IRE)

An IRE is actually a larger constructed response, one that integrates information across multiple sources used to investigate the topic of the essay. The IRE is also as simple as ABC, but it has an additional B to support the premise more thoroughly. The whole IRE becomes ABBBC. An easier way to say it and remember it when thinking of IRE construction is ATripleBC with each paragraph following the ABBC paragraph format. It looks like this. Of course, if writers have another significant supporting category of details, they most certainly can add it to the essay with an additional B.

- A—Announce with an introduction paragraph(s) that includes ABBC with a transition leading the reader to the first category of supporting details.
- B—Build up. The writer elaborates and expands on the first category of supporting details for the premise stated in the introduction in an ABBC paragraph(s). Cite multiple sources of information. A transition effectively draws the reader to the next category of details.
- B—Build up. The writer elaborates and expands on the second category of supporting details for the premise stated in the introduction in an ABBC paragraph(s). Cite multiple sources of information. A transition effectively draws the reader to the third category of details.
- B—Build up. The writer elaborates and expands on the third category of supporting details for the premise stated in the introduction in an ABBC paragraph(s). Cite multiple sources of information. A transition effectively draws the reader to the conclusion.
- C—Connect back to conclude with a convincing statement (the 3 Cs). The author writes a concluding paragraph(s) that connects back to the premise stated in the introduction and closes with a strong, convincing statement.

Figure 7.4: From constructed response to integrated response essay (IRE).

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