

SAMPLE CLAIM, EVIDENCE, REASONING (CER) RESPONSE

Prompt: Why did the communists win the civil war in China?

Claim: Write a statement answering the above question.

The overall reason the communists were able to take control of China was that peasants preferred the policies of the communist party.

Evidence: What is your evidence (from the *China's Peasants* excerpt and the *How Did China Become a Communist Country* article)?

In the article "How Did China Become a Communist Country?" the text says that the communist party wanted to take land from wealthy landowners and give it to peasants.

Reasoning: What is your reasoning? How does the evidence support your claim?

The communists plan to take land away from wealthy landowners and give it to peasants, and the fact that few peasants had the chance to own land, support that this contributed to the peasants' support of the communist party.