Introduction: your opening paragraph should provide some summary details about the book you read and what you'll be talking about in your response, including:

- ✓ The book's title (does it carry importance?)
- \checkmark The book's main character(s)
- ✓ A summary of the story keep this short!

Body Paragraph 1: The Story's Theme/Message

- ✓ The book's author and/or illustrator
- ✓ The book's setting (does it carry importance?)

Topic Sentence: the first sentence of your paragraph should state what your paragraph's topic, what it will be about (i.e. *The message of the story is bravery.*)

Topic Sentence

Ideas & Details: state your ideas about the theme/message and provide 1-2 details to support your thinking.

Idea #1	Supporting Details
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Idea #2	Supporting Details
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Body Paragraph 2: Making Connections (you must make at least TWO)

Introductory Sentences: the first sentence of each connection should state what your connection's topic, what it will be about (i.e. *This story reminds of...*).

Introductory Sentence #1

Introductory Sentence #2

Ideas & Details: state your connections and provide 2-3 details to support your thinking.

Connection #1	Supporting Details
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Connection #2	Supporting Details
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Body Paragraph 3: Structures & Features (you must discuss at least TWO)

Introductory Sentences: the first sentence of each structure and feature should state your structure and feature's topic, what it will be about (i.e. *An important element from the text is...*).

Introductory Sentence #1

Introductory Sentence #2

Ideas & Details: state your structures and features and provide 2-3 details to support your thinking.

Structure & Feature #1	Supporting Details
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Structure & Feature #2	Supporting Details
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Some Structures & Features Include:

Figurative Language Symbolism Word Choice Character Development Rhyming Use of Colour & Illustrations Imagery Font

Conclusion: your closing paragraph should provide some summary details about your response and some final thoughts, including:

- ✓ Restate the major theme/message
- ✓ Your opinion (and why)
- ✓ What did you learn from the story?

- ✓ A short summary of what you've written
- ✓ A recommendation
- ✓ Any questions you had that weren't answered