

Response Writing

Introduction

In your **introduction** you need the following:

- Title
 - *Explain the meaning or significance of the title*
- Author
- Genre (historical fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, legend, myth, science fiction)
- Characters
 - *Main characters & secondary characters*
- Setting-
 - *Time (date, seasons)*
 - *Place (city, country)*
 - *Why is the setting important in this book*
 - *Illustrations*

Body

First Body Paragraph (first theme)

1. Think of 1 **theme** from the book

Create a topic sentence about that theme.

Ex. One theme that is found in this novel is friendship.

Topic sentence:

2. Find a **quote** that supports that theme.

Ex. "When he took me by the hand and led me home I knew I had a friend for life".

A **quote** that supports your theme:

3. Give your **opinion**

Ex. I believe that the author is trying to make the reader realize how special friends are because I read many things about friends.

You can start this sentence with:

I believe...because

I think...because

I agree...because

Your **opinion**:

4. **Example** from text to support what you think supports your opinion

Ex. The time when Julia was crying and Lester made her feel better by telling her a story was a time that I realized how special friends can be.

An **example**:

5. **Compare** this theme in this novel to:

- Another text (text to text)
- Something going on in the world (text to world)
- A personal experience (text to self)

Text to text:

Text to world:

Text to self:

Second Body Paragraph (second theme)

1. Think of another theme from the book

Create a topic sentence about that theme.

Ex. Another theme that is found in this novel is respect.

Topic sentence:

2. Find a **quote** that supports that theme.

Ex. "Her spirits lifted when he apologized".

A **quote** that supports your theme:

3. Give your **opinion**

Ex. I think respecting others is important in keeping friends but also to work toward peace in our world.

You can start this sentence with:

I believe...because

I think...because

I agree...because

(3)

Your **opinion**:

4. **Example** from text to support what you think that supports your opinion

Ex. The time when Julia sat under the tree and thought of how great she felt and wonder why all children don't get to feel the way she does makes me think of her wanting respect to be everywhere.

An **example**:

5. **Compare** this theme in this novel to:

- Another text (text to text)
- Something going on in the world (text to world)
- A personal experience (text to self)

Text to text:

Text to world:

Text to self:

Third Body Paragraph (structures & features)

Your **topic sentence** should read:

The author, _____, uses many different forms of writing to make this novel interesting.

In this paragraph include as many examples of **structures and features** that you can find in the novel. Remember to explain why this structure or feature is important and how it makes the book more interesting, dramatic, funny...

Here are a list of structures and features:

- ⇒ Simile
- ⇒ Metaphor
- ⇒ Personification
- ⇒ Alliteration
- ⇒ Proverb
- ⇒ Onomatopoeia
- ⇒ Idiom
- ⇒ Tone
- ⇒ Language



Please see and use the handout called "Structures and Features in Literature as Part of a Response". This handout will show examples and help you plan.

Closing (paragraph)

In your closing paragraph you need the following:

- A topic sentence
 - *In conclusion, this response showed that there are two major themes of this novel. They are...*
- A short summary of what you have written about
- Liked/disliked...and why?
- Recommend...why?
- I learned...