

**Format for a  
Response to Literature Essay**

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**(title of essay)**

**Intro Paragraph**

Start by telling a short story that relates to the theme of the story/poem/essay/book. This should be four to five sentences. Include the name of your book and the name of the author in your intro paragraph. \_\_\_\_\_

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Thesis statement – You must include the theme of the story **and** you must include two literary devices that the author used to communicate the theme of the story. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body Paragraph #1**

Topic Sentence (identifies the subject of the paragraph). This must connect to your thesis statement **and** will include one of your previously stated lit terms. \_\_\_\_\_

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Concrete Detail – This is a specific example from the story/poem/essay. Be sure to put quotes at the beginning and the end of your concrete detail. If the author's name is provided, be sure to cite the author's name after the concrete detail.

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Commentary #1 – This is your opinion/analysis/thoughts about the concrete detail. You will show how your concrete detail is an example that connects to the author's purpose.

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Commentary #2 – This is your opinion/analysis/thoughts about the concrete detail. You will show how your concrete detail is an example that connects to the author's purpose.

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Concluding sentence that summarizes the entire paragraph. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Body Paragraph #2**

Topic Sentence (identifies the subject of the paragraph). This must connect to your thesis statement ***and*** will include the second previously stated lit term. \_\_\_\_\_

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Concluding sentence that summarizes the entire paragraph \_\_\_\_\_

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**Concluding Paragraph**

Restate your thesis statement. Make sure you include the title of the book, the theme and the two literary devices the author used to communicate the theme to the reader.

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Summarize your main ideas. This should be four to five sentences. \_\_\_\_\_

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