

# Reading Response Sample Assignment

## Assignment Description

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Assignment: Write an approximately 250-300-word (approximately ½ page) response to the day's reading. Choose one of the following questions to address in your response. Remember to reference the reading in addition to your own original thoughts on the reading.

- What in the reading interested or surprised you?
- Identify the author's main point in a few sentences. Do you agree or disagree with the author's position?
- How does the material you read for today connect with something else that you have read for this class?
- What was the hardest passage in today's assigned reading? Summarize it.
- What questions do you have after doing the reading?
- Why do you think this reading was included in the syllabus?

### Dimension Name

Reading Response

#### Reviewer Comment Prompt

Use the questions below to provide helpful feedback to the writer.

- Did the author present the ideas clearly?
- What interesting or new connections did the writer make in the response?
- Are there any ideas that should be developed more fully?

#### Reviewer Rating Prompt 1

**CONTENT:** The response addresses one of the prompts and develops that idea.

4	The writing addresses and fully develops a response to one prompt.
3	The writing addresses and partially develops a response to one prompt.
2	The writing somewhat addresses and develops a response to one prompt.
1	The writing does not address or develop a response to one prompt.

Weight = 1

#### Reviewer Rating Prompt 2

**ORIGINALITY:** The author includes his/her own ideas in the response.

4	The response includes the author's opinion, and this opinion is clear.
3	The response includes the author's opinion, and it is mostly clear what is his/her opinion rather than an idea from the text.
2	The response includes the author's opinion, but this is not distinguished from the text.
1	The response does not include the author's opinion.

Weight = 1

#### Reviewer Rating Prompt 3

**USE OF SOURCE MATERIAL:** The author smoothly integrates material from the reading into the response.

4	The author smoothly integrates material from the reading into the response.
3	The author includes material from the reading in the response, but it is not always integrated smoothly into the response.
2	The author includes material from the reading in the response, but it is not smoothly integrated into the response.
1	The author does not include material from the reading in the response.

Weight = 1

#### Reviewer Rating Prompt 4

**ORGANIZATION OF IDEAS:** Ideas are organized with a claim and support for that claim.

4	There is a clear claim and sufficient support for that claim organized in a logical way.
3	There is a clear claim and support for that claim but the organization is not clear.
2	There is some organization but this is not clear and makes it hard to identify the claim and support.
1	The response lacks organization and/or does not include a claim or support.

Weight = 1

#### Reviewer Rating Prompt 5

**GRAMMAR AND CLARITY:** The sentences in the essay are clear and follow standard English grammar rules.

4	The response is clear; only a few minor grammatical or spelling errors, if any.
3	The response is generally clear; there may be a few patterns of grammar errors.
2	There are multiple sentences which are not clear; grammar errors and misspellings occur with frequency.
1	The writing affects the clarity of ideas; frequent major grammar or spelling errors cloud meaning.

Weight = 1

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