

# STUDENT WRITING CHECKLIST GRADE 4-5 LITERARY RESPONSE

Use this checklist to plan, write, revise and edit your paper.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LITERARY RESPONSE

- Support your explanation with examples from the text, personal experiences, and/or other sources (i.e., movies, TV, books).
- Write in a clear and logical manner.
- Organize your response with a clear beginning, middle, and end.

### IDEAS AND CONTENT

- I have a clear purpose and/or make a point.
- I use clear details and examples to help the reader understand my message.
- I stick to the main ideas.
- I connect what I've read to something I know.

### ORGANIZATION

- My introduction makes a reader want to keep on reading.
- I tell things in an order that makes sense.
- I use details and examples where they make sense.
- I have a good ending.

### VOICE

- I show the reader what I really think and feel.
- My writing sounds like me.
- I have thought about my reader. I have tried to make my writing clear to the reader.

### WORD CHOICE

- I use words that make my meaning clear.
- I paint a picture in the reader's mind.
- I say things in my own way.
- I say things in an interesting way.
- I use powerful words.

### SENTENCE FLUENCY

- My sentences make sense.
- I keep my paper interesting by using different sentence lengths.
- My sentences begin in different ways.
- My paper would sound good if it were read aloud.

### CONVENTIONS

- I use correct punctuation.
- I use capital letters correctly.
- My spelling is correct.
- I indent my paragraphs.
- I use correct grammar.

- I have proofread my paper.