

## **STUDENT WRITING CHECKLIST GRADES 7 - 8 LITERARY RESPONSE**

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

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LITERARY RESPONSE**

- State clearly a position that is interpretive, analytic, evaluative or reflective.
- Support your ideas with examples from:
  1. the text.
  2. personal experiences.
  3. other sources (i.e., movies, TV, books).
- Write in a clear and logical manner.

#### **IDEAS AND CONTENT**

- I have clear purpose or make a point.
- I use clear details and examples to help the reader understand my ideas.
- I stick to the main ideas. I leave out details that I do not really need.
- I am writing about 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 smooth transitions between sentences, paragraphs and ideas.
- I have a conclusion.

#### **VOICE**

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

#### **WORD CHOICE**

- I use words that make my meaning clear.
- My words are accurate and specific.
- I say things in new and different ways.

#### **SENTENCE FLUENCY**

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

#### **CONVENTIONS**

- I use correct punctuation.
- I use capital letters on names of special people, places or things.
- My spelling is correct.
- I indent my paragraphs.
- I use correct grammar.

- I have proofread my paper.**
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