**General Rubric – Informal Writing (Responses, Paragraphs, and Discussion Posts)**

**A – Great Response**

* **Extensive** depth of self-reflection (personal writings) or insight and sophisticated analysis (literary writings)
* Clear, insightful claim about the text backed up with text evidence (for literary responses)
* Very effective organization
* Very few clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.)
* Shows evidence of “above and beyond” effort

**B – Good response**

* **Good** depth of self-reflection (personal writings) or insight and depth of analysis (literary writings)
* Clear, reasonable claim about the text backed up with text evidence ((for literary responses)
* Effective organization
* Relatively few clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) – don’t often interfere with meaning
* Shows evidence of good effort

**C – Solid/average response**

* **Some** depth of self-reflection (personal writings) and some insight and depth of analysis (literary writings)
* Makes an overall reasonable claim about the text, but parts of the claim may be problematic text evidence may be lacking in some regard (for literary responses)
* Organization is overall okay, but may be lacking in areas
* Some clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) – some may interfere with meaning, but overall the piece is fairly clear
* Shows evidence of effort to get the job done (follows all requirement of the assignment)

**D – Partially sufficient response**

* **Attempt at basic** self-reflection (personal writings) or some attempt at observation about the literary piece (literary writings)
* Unclear or unreasonable claim about the text and little to no text support; or off topic claim that does not answer the prompt (for literary responses)
* Organization needs improvement
* Many clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) – interfere with the meaning of the piece
* Shows evidence of less effort – may have missed one of the requirements or may be an incomplete response

**F – Minimal/severely lacking response**

* **Very little if any** reflection of self (personal writing) or literature
* Makes either no claim or an unreasonable topic/claim and provides no--or inaccurate--text support (for literary responses)
* No organization
* Writing overall unclear/incoherent
* Off topic
* Evidence of very little effort and fulfillment of the requirements