

General Rubric – Reader Responses

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 carefully chosen text evidence (for literary responses)
- Very effective organization
- No clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) and sophisticated syntax
- 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 relevant text evidence (for literary responses)
- Effective organization
- Few clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) and good command of syntax
- Shows evidence of good effort

C – Solid 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, or text evidence may be very basic or not as well-chosen as a B or A response (for literary responses)
- Organization is overall sufficient
- Some clarity and mechanics errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) - a few may interfere with meaning, but overall the response is clear
- Shows evidence of effort to get the job done (follows all requirements 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 or irrelevant 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