

English 106: Horizons Learning Community

Response Assignment Guidelines

The response assignment provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of a specific text that we've read so far this semester, as well as critique the text in regard to what you found effective and/or ineffective in the writing.

Summary

The summary should include the following:

- A general explanation of the point of the entire piece (i.e., what was it trying to achieve?)
- A restatement of the primary points made by the piece of writing
- An explanation of any evidence the writer uses to support his/her primary points
- A statement identifying the intended audience of the piece

Response

The response should focus on your opinion of the piece of writing. In your opinion, what worked, and what didn't? Some of the things you may choose to evaluate include:

- How effective was the writing? Did it keep you interested, could you relate to the material, or did you lose track of the point of the piece?
- How well did the writer support his/her points? Was the evidence used effective, or did the writer not do enough to convince his audience?
- Was there something about the style of writing that you particularly liked/disliked?
- How well did the author relate to his/her intended audience?
- What questions do you still have after reading this text?

You do not have to answer each of these questions—or any of them, for that matter. They are just some prompts to get you thinking about your response to the text you choose.

Details:

Follow MLA formatting, including 12-pt Times New Roman font and 1-inch margins. For more information on MLA formatting, visit the following website:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html#General

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Points: 20 pts.