

Writing a Reaction or Response Paper

1. The following guidelines are to be used for reacting to the reading. Read the article and while reading, think about the following questions.

- How do you feel about what you are reading?
- What do you agree or disagree with?
- Can you identify with the situation?
- What would be the best way to evaluate the story?

2. The following statements could be used in a reaction/response paper. Complete as many statements as possible, from the list below, about what you just read.

My Reaction to What I Just Read Is That . . .

I think that

I see that

I feel that

It seems that

In my opinion,

Because

A good quote is

In addition,

For example,

Moreover,

However,

Consequently,

Finally,

In conclusion,

3. A reaction/response paper has an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.

- The introduction should contain all the basic information in one paragraph.

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| Sentence 1: | This sentence should give the title, author, and publication you read. |
| Sentence 2, 3, and sometimes 4: | These sentences give a brief summary of what you read (nutshell) |
| Sentence 5: | This sentence is your thesis statement . You agree, disagree, identify, or evaluate . |

4. The body should contain paragraphs that provide support for your thesis. Each paragraph should contain one idea. Topic sentences should support the thesis, and the final sentence of each paragraph should lead into the next paragraph.

5. The conclusion can be a restatement of what you said in your paper. It can also be a comment which states your overall reaction. Finally, it can be a prediction of the effects of what you're reacting to. **Note:** your conclusion should include no new information.