2.2 Personal Response to Literature Planning Chart

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| **Paragraph 1: What?** **What is this text about and what is its meaning?**  |
| **Review this information and then write your introductory paragraph 1 in the space below.*** Consider the **theme** of the text carefully and use this idea to create an interesting hook to introduce your text.
* Give the title and author of the text so your audience is clear about the text to which you will be making reference.
* Introduce the characters you will be discussing.
* Identify and explore what the text is about and what key idea or theme the author is trying to convey.
* Include specific textual evidence (proof) from the text to support all of your ideas.
* Write a closing sentence that sums up your paragraph.
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| **Paragraph 2: So What?** **So what does this text mean to me?** |
| **Review this information and then write your body paragraph 2 in the space below.*** Write a **topic sentence** that both connects to your introductory paragraph and clearly introduces your connection to this text. Review [“**transitional sentences”**](https://moodle.adlc.ca/mod/glossary/view.php?id=24272321&mode=letter&hook=T&sortkey=&sortorder=) by selecting this link or looking in your course glossary.
* Identify and explore a personal connection you make to the text.
* Explain a life experience you have had that is similar in nature or theme to that of the character within the text or the text itself.
* Be sure to include specific details from both the text and from your own personal connection so the comparison is clear.
* Create a closing sentence that concludes your paragraph.
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| **Paragraph 3: Now What?****Now what does this text theme mean to others beyond the text, and how might it provide insight into human behaviours?** |
| **Review this information and then write your concluding paragraph 3 in the space below.*** Write a topic sentence that will indicate that you are concluding your ideas about this text, how it connects to yourself, and how it connects to others.
* Reflect on the larger theme of the text, and decide how the content applies to others beyond this text. How is it relevant to people in general?
* Comment on your insights and what the situation has to tell us about real life and how this theme applies to others.
* Write a closing sentence that will provoke more thought about your piece of writing in the reader.
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