

2.2 Personal Response to Literature Planning Chart

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.

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”** 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.

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.