

Handout 23

Responding To Text

1. **Read and understand the text-** As you read, underline (highlight the key words or phrases).
2. **Annotate:** In the margin, write the main idea of each paragraph to help you summarize and react to the key points by **agreeing or disagreeing** with the examples, issues discussed.
3. **Outline-** Use marginal outline
4. **Summarize:**
 - A. State the author's name
 - B. State the name of the article in parenthesis
 - C. Introduce your summary by an opening phrase using: says, discusses, explains, argues, shows.
 - D. State clearly the thesis of the essay, including the main issues or key ideas that the author discusses.
 - E. Relate your summary points. To make your summary coherent, relate your points by using: transitions, repeating key words, and using parallel structures
 - F. **Respond:** Respond to one idea or more that the author is making, depending on the question given.

How do you write a response or reaction essay? This is the main part of your writing.

1. Summarize the article and state the author's thesis
2. State your thesis in which you should show your agreement or disagreement. That is your reaction.
3. Take one point and state it in a topic sentence. Then state what the author says in the article. Then respond to the point .That is, say what you think.

How do you react or respond?

1. Relate the issue to your personal life, or to any other issue related to it.
2. Evaluate the examples the author gives. Are they relevant, or enough?
3. Add your own examples, facts, statistics, or authority to show why you agree or disagree with what the author says.
4. Discuss the causes and the effects of the issue. See if there are other causes or effects the author did not include.
5. End in conclusion- paraphrasing your own points- or thesis.