

Response to Lit. Essay Outline

Intro Paragraph

- Hook – quote or one-liner to capture attention
- Connection – connects hook to topic of essay
- Brief Summary – 1-3 sentences that provide background information to your topic—assume that your reader knows nothing about the subject. Also must include the title and author of the piece if this is a response to literature essay.
- Thesis statement – 3 part statement that tells the topic of your essay (don't forget that your strongest reason should be last)

Body Paragraph #1

- Reason #1 – topic sentence
 - Support – broadly explains your first reason and connects to thesis
 - Detail / Example – provides evidence from the text to prove your support is true (be sure to introduce the quote!)
 - Commentary – comments on and explains importance of the detail (explains why you chose the quote you're using—why it is important to the essay)
 - Commentary 2 – optional comments relating back to reason #1
 - Support – broadly explains your first reason and connects to thesis)
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Body Paragraph #2

- Reason #2 – topic sentence
 - Support – broadly explains your first reason and connects to thesis
 - Detail / Example – provides evidence from the text to prove your support is true (be sure to introduce the quote!)
 - Commentary – comments on and explains importance of the detail (explains why you chose the quote you're using—why it is important to the essay)
 - Commentary 2 – optional comments relating back to reason #2
 - Support – broadly explains your first reason and connects to thesis)
 - Detail / Example – provides evidence from the text to prove your support is true (be sure to introduce the quote!)