

Reading Response Rubric

Scoring	Criteria
Claim 4 3 2 1 0	Topic sentence is clear and confident, states the author and text, and states a defensible claim.
Evidence 4 3 2 1 0 4 3 2 1 0 4 3 2 1 0	Selections from the text/experience logically connect to your claim. You are able to introduce and give context to three clear examples. Key word: JUSTIFY (prove).
Explanation/ Reasoning 4 3 2 1 0 4 3 2 1 0 4 3 2 1 0	Explain how your evidence proves and supports your claim. Explanations are thorough and uncover your reasoning without simply restating your evidence. Key words: ELABORATE and EXPAND. <i>Advanced: In your final example, you choose to explain why the opposite element is not the strongest. This is the counterargument.</i>
Structure/Editing 4 3 2 1 0	Sentences are complete and varied. You have paid attention to spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar and usage. No personal pronouns. Transition words and phrases move from one idea to the next and show importance. <i>Advanced: Your transitions go beyond numbers (first, second, third).</i>
Conclusion 4 3 2 1 0	Your conclusion returns to the prompt and extends the thinking by stating the significance. <i>No questions or cheap phrases ("As you can see"). If you restate the prompt, use new language.</i>

Reading Response Example Paragraph

a. Book Title: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Harry Potter's parents, Lily and James, must have been caring people. *First, Lily and James had many friends. Their friends included some of the kindest and most compassionate characters in the story, such as Dumbledore, Hagrid, and Remus Lupin (Harry's favorite teacher). Oftentimes our friends' characteristics reflect our own, so Lily and James were certainly good people. Furthermore, all of these characters speak of Lily and James with utmost respect and a certain reverence. Lupin describes Lily to Harry when he says, "Your mother was there for me at a time when no one else was. Not only was she a singularly gifted witch, she was also an uncommonly kind woman. She had a way of seeing the beauty in others even, and perhaps most especially, when that person couldn't see it in themselves." This clearly shows what an incredible person Lily was, and how she tried to make everyone feel wanted. Finally, Lily and James had to have been genuinely good people because Voldemort, the most evil wizard in existence, sought and succeeded to kill them. Had Lily and James simply sided with Voldemort, their lives would have been spared, but they were determined to do the right thing and fight against him, even though it led to their deaths. **Clearly, any child would be lucky to have Lily and James as parents, and Harry should look to them as examples.***

Topic Sentence
Supporting Evidence
Warrants

Concluding Sentence