

# Response to Literature

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## **One** Way to write a response to literature:

- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: Introduce the story and clearly state your judgment(s)/interpretation(s).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Summary – **retell the main events that support your judgment(s)/interpretation(s).**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Conclusion (**summarize the main points of the essay**).

## Ways to introduce the theme:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a story about \_\_\_\_\_. The main character \_\_\_\_\_  
(title) (universal theme)  
learns that \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a story about \_\_\_\_\_. It shows us that  
(title) (universal theme)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(explains the universal theme)
- In the story \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ writes about...  
(title) (author)
- State the theme: When you care for someone...

## Ways to restate the theme for the conclusion

- This story shows that...
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a good story because it show us that/how \_\_\_\_\_.  
(title) (universal theme)
- The author is stating that...
- The author shows us that...
- The lesson we learned from the story is...

## Ways to Reference the text:

- For example/for instance,
- This quote shows...
- Here, the author is showing/shows us...
- Here, the author seems to be saying...