

Literary Response Essay Rubric

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations (4)	Meets Expectations (3)	Approaching Expectations (2)	Below Expectations (1)
Thesis/Claim	Clear, insightful thesis; fully addresses prompt	Clear thesis; adequately addresses prompt	Basic or somewhat unclear thesis; partially addresses prompt	Missing or unclear thesis; does not address prompt
Evidence & Analysis	Thorough, relevant evidence; insightful, original analysis	Sufficient, relevant evidence; clear analysis	Some evidence; analysis may be unclear or basic	Little or no evidence; analysis is lacking or absent
Organization	Logical, effective structure; well-organized paragraphs	Logical structure; generally organized paragraphs	Some organization; may lack clarity or coherence	Poor or unclear organization
Conventions	Few or no errors; enhances readability	Some errors; minimal impact on readability	Several errors; may interfere with understanding	Frequent errors; difficult to understand