

Writing a Response Paper

What is a response paper?

"Response papers are designed to write what you think or feel about something you have read or seen."

("LEO Writing a Reaction or Response Essay", n.d.).

Questions to Ask While Reading Texts

- What is the author's thesis statement or main claim?
- Do you agree or disagree with the author's claim?
- What did you like about the text?
- What would you like to explore?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the text?

The Layout of a Response Paper

I. Introduction

- Include specific information such as author's name, title of paper, place and year of publication.
- Write a summary of the work.
- End with a thesis statement in which you present your general opinion about the chosen text.

II. Body

- Each paragraph should present one idea.
- In this part, you will answer the questions that you thought of while reading the text.
- Start each paragraph with a topic sentence that supports the thesis statement.

III. Conclusion

- It is a recap of your overall reaction to the chosen text.
- Do not include new information in the conclusion.

Reference

LEO Writing a Reaction or Response Essay. <https://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/reaction.html>.