

How do I effectively respond to a text?

Identify • Account • Define Describe • Recount Outline	Discuss • Analyse • Interpret Demonstrate Justify • Explain	Critically Analyse • Evaluate Compare • Contrast Synthesise
WHAT?	HOW?	LINKS?
Questions to prompt your response:		
 What is the content/subject matter? What is the text literally saying? What is saying on a metaphorical OR symbolic level? What is the "bigger" message? What is the context? What is the impact on you as a responder? 	 How is the text conveying the central messages? Through what techniques is the message being delivered? Use the four point IEEL technique scaffold to write in detail about the use of techniques: 1. Identify 2. Examples 3. Effect 4. Links 	 How does this text link to the concept you are studying? How do the themes / characters / setting / techniques help to convey this? How does this text help to shape YOUR understanding of the concept? How does this text link to other texts you have studied in relation to the concept (similarities/differences)? Ensure you are linking your response back to the specific question you are answering.



How do I effectively analyse a technique?

IDENTIFY **EFFECT** LINK EXAMPLE What is the **effect** of the - What is the technique? Provide one or several - How does this technique **Describe** the technique examples of the technique. technique? help to convey the being used. Try to explain This is your **evidence**. What effect does it have on concept? the purpose of the - Use direct quotes when - How does it link to the the responder? technique. discussing language Does it create a particular concept? - How does it link to any - For example if a composer is techniques or describe tone? Or pace? using similes and metaphors examples in detail if discussing Does it help to create the other techniques in this they are trying to create narrative, themes, text or other related a visual technique. visual imagery to appeal to - Explain where the characters or the setting? texts? the senses of the responder quote/example comes from Why has the composer used Find connections / so that they create their and why you have used it. this technique? synthesis by comparing What was their purpose? examples or the effect own image in their mind - When quoting do not forget to inspired by the text. use inverted commas at the **How** was the composer different techniques beginning and end of each trying to position the have. quote. Use an ellipsis to responder? indicate any words/sections of the quote missing.