

INRW 0311

Summary Responses (25% of total grade)

For many of our readings you will write a Summary Response. This is work on reading, interpreting, analyzing, and responding to ideas and concepts. We will go through videos and readings that help you do these, and I will provide samples. See your schedule. Use those to help you develop and improve. Below are the basic instructions. Refer to them each time you write just to remind yourself of the goals.

- **Write a 2-paragraph response** to the reading you are assigned.
 - In the first paragraph, summarize the article you've read. Your summary should be at least 150 words but can be more. Re/read ["How to Write a Summary"](#) before doing this. *Use at least one quote and an in-text citation.*
 - In the second paragraph, discuss the key parts of the reading that stand out to you. If there are parts you agree with, explain what they are and give examples of where you've some of them in life. If you see different things that are not pointed out in the reading, explain what kinds of things you see. You can use examples from your experience as well as from other readings or sources we're covering in class.
 - You should use at least one quote somewhere in the summary/response.
 - Remember we're working to integrate quotes smoothly, use correct citation, *and in the responses during the second half of the semester (APA/Media Analysis) avoid using I/me/my/you/your, etc. except with instructions or samples.*

- **Format your paper according to the style we're currently studying and using.** Refer to the instructions in [Writing down the Basics](#) and the video you watched for homework.
 - Use MLA or APA according to the style we're studying at the time.
 - Readings done during the Emblematic Essay assignment should be done in MLA Format and use MLA citation.
 - Readings done during the Media Analysis Essay assignment should be done in APA Format and use APA citation.

- **Edit, Proofread, and Upload Your Work**
 - Proofread carefully. I recommend you take advantage of going to the [writing center](#)—get some of that extra credit while you're there!
 - Upload the paper your work as directed in the daily schedule. Don't forget your Grammarly report, and if you went, include your Writing Center verification.

Summary RESPONSE: What to Write About

Things You Can Write About in a **Summary**

Summaries of different types of readings focus on different things.

Type of Reading or Purpose	Write about these in your Summary
Essay Expressive Argument Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting points—kind of evidence used—personal experience, research, statistics, data, interviews • Why the author sees it a particular way • Why it's important
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic requirements: <i>what</i> to do and <i>how</i> to do it • Restrictions or things to avoid—what not to do • Other guidelines: development, format, style, tone, voice • Overall tips and tricks to help do this
Samples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of techniques are used to get attention or connect with the reader? • What kind of tone and voice is used? What kind of evidence or examples? • What is the overall feel of this kind of writing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give examples of any of these that stand out

Of course, some readings can combine these and other purposes for writing, so you need to read carefully and be open-minded.

Things You Can Write About in a **RESPONSE**

Responses to the different types of readings also have different possibilities.

Type of Reading or Purpose	Write about these in your RESPONSE
Essay Expressive Argument Analysis	What do you think: Agree? Disagree? Some of both? Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote or discuss specific parts and connect to your thoughts, experience, and/or knowledge. • Explain how you can use/apply the ideas: Where and why?
Instructions	Talk about how the key things they discuss apply to your past or present experience doing the topic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have other things worked for you in the past? • What things do you need to learn, practice, or find out more about? • What sources do you need or can you use to help you do this? • What plans do you have that can incorporate what they teach or discuss?
Samples	The effectiveness of different parts of the work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voice and tone •Structure •Word choice or Imagery •Examples or Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ways you can use the techniques shown? • What ideas do the sample gives you for your own work?

Like the summary, you'll need to be flexible with your response. Most importantly, focus on how what you're reading is supposed to help you. Then respond to the reading in terms of that.