

# Summary/Response & Different Types of Readings

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## Things You Can Write About in Your Summary

Summaries of different types of readings focus on different things.

- **Argument/Essay/Expressive**
  - 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**
  - Basic requirements: *what* to do and *how* 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**
  - 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?
    - Give examples of any of these that stand out

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## Things You Can Write About in Your Response

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

- **Argument/Essay/Expressive**

What do you think: Agree? Disagree? Some of both? Why?

  - Quote or discuss specific parts and connect to your thoughts, experience, and/or knowledge.
  - How you can use/apply the ideas: Where and why?
- **Instructions**

How the key things they discuss apply to your past or present experience doing the thing

  - 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
    - Voice and tone
    - Structure
    - Word choice or Imagery
    - Examples or Evidence
  - What ways you can use the techniques shown?
  - What ideas do the sample gives you for your own work?