
Response Categories

There are many different ways to respond to text. Here are some of the common types of responses:

Category 1: Understanding of the Story. These responses indicate the reader's current understanding of the characters and plot through personal commentary and/or retelling of parts of the story.

Category 2: Personal Meaning-Making. The reader expresses thoughts and feelings about the reading experience as these responses relate to plot and characters. These responses may include text-to-text/-media, text-to-self, and text-to-world connections.

Category 3: Questioning. The reader asks for clarification or help to understand the story.

Category 4: Answering/Conversation with Author or Characters. The reader engages in conversation with the author or characters by answering questions posed in the text.

Category 5: Text Features/Literary Evaluation. The reader praises or criticizes the author, writing style, or story development.

Category 6: Other. Responses that do not belong in the previous five categories can be placed in this category.