

Expectations for a Response to Literature

Sports Lit – Spring 2008

Purpose

- You write for a specific audience
- You establish a clear focus and maintain it throughout your essay
- You provide clear context as needed throughout the essay

Organization

- You put your ideas in logical order to move the piece forward
- You capture the reader's attention in the introduction
- You use transitions to connect ideas
- You use topic sentences as needed

Details

- You support your ideas with enough evidence (direct quotes and details)
- Your evidence is accurate and you provide citations and *works cited* as needed
- You provide thorough explanations of how the evidence supports your thesis/focus (analysis and elaboration)

Style

- You choose clear and precise words
- Your tone suits your purpose (more formal, avoids "you" and "I")
- You use present tense verbs when discussing the text
- You omit needless or redundant words and phrases

Conventions (See grammar guidelines)

- You use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation
- You use correct grammar and sentence structure

Process

- You use prewriting to generate ideas
- You use drafts to explore and shape ideas
- You get feedback from a variety of readers
- You revise as needed to address what doesn't work
- You reflect on your process and your work