

Responding (with evidence) to ANY TEXT

Practice orally responding, then write your ideas into complete sentences. Remember to hide the question words in your response.

HINT: Don't just give an answer, support it with reasons! Evidence can be implicit or explicit in the text, but may come from your experience as well. Remember a strong response cites more text evidence than personal experience.

Infer a Lesson

Explain a *lesson* that readers can learn from this story. Include examples from the story and your own experience in your response.

***Infer the main idea:* What is the main idea or theme of the passage? Which supporting details told more about that main idea?"**

***Infer character traits:* Identify a character. Now describe that character. What evidence in the text demonstrates that (those) character trait (s)?**

***Infer feelings:* How does _____ feel? What evidence can you find in the book?**

***Draw conclusions to Predict:* Make a prediction. What evidence do you have that leads you to that conclusion?**

***What's the author's purpose for this text?* What evidence helped you decide?**

***Evaluate the character:* Do you think he/she made the right choice? Why or why not? What would you do?**

***Evaluate text features:* Were there any text features that helped you better understand what you read? What were they and how did they help you?**

***Evaluate:* Could this story happen? What events helped you decide?**

***Assess:* What would you change about this story and why? How would you change it?**

***Connect:* Does this text make you think of another text? Describe the connections and give specific similarities.**