**Response Rubric**

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| **Name:** |   | **Title:** | The Power of Water |



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| 4 | **Ideas** |
| The writing . . .* presents a clearly stated thesis that focuses on plot, characterization, setting, or theme.
* includes specific details and quotations from the text to develop or support the thesis.
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| 5 | **Organization** |
| * follows a specific pattern of organization: chronological, order of importance, or logical order.
* contains an effective beginning, middle, and ending.
* includes transitions as needed to connect ideas and paragraphs.
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| 5 | **Voice** |
| * sounds believable and informed.
* reflects the writer’s clear understanding of the literature.
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| 4 | **Word Choice** |
| * exhibits a careful choice of words.
* explains unfamiliar terms.
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| 5 | **Sentence Fluency** |
| * flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
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| 5 | **Conventions** |
| * follows the standards for punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar.
* cites quotations correctly.
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**Comments:** Your short review clearly focuses on an important part of *The Miracle Worker*—the climax of the story. All of the details in your paragraph develop and support this focus. You also nicely build suspense in your review: I wanted to find out what would happen to Helen.

Your review is smooth reading and clear from start to finish.

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