**Response Rubric**

Use the following rubric as a guide to assess responses to literature.

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| **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. |
| **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. |
| **Voice** | |
|  | sounds believable and informed. |
|  | reflects the writer’s clear understanding of the literature. |
| **Word Choice** | |
|  | exhibits a careful choice of words. |
|  | explains unfamiliar terms. |
| **Sentence Fluency** | |
|  | flows smoothly from one idea to the next. |
| **Conventions** | |
|  | follows the standards for punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar. |
|  | cites quotations correctly. |

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