

Summary-Response Paper Prompt

Introduction: Summary-responses play a significant role in college and professional work. Summaries demonstrate that you understand a text's main ideas. Responses allow you to think critically about the ideas so you can analyze, critique, elaborate on, disagree, or agree with the claims. Outside of the college classroom, you will find that summary-responses abound in fields as diverse as business, medicine, and law enforcement. Summarizing and responding are crucial skills to develop as you progress in your academic and professional careers.

Assignment: Your first essay assignment will be to write a summary-response essay on one the articles from the reading textbook. You should choose a reading as soon as possible—the reading must be from the “Design” unit. For the essay, you will write a summary introduction paragraph, a response to the ideas in the article, and a conclusion.

Structure:

Introduction:

- Introduce the text and summarize it in one paragraph

Second paragraph:

- State your thesis. Respond to your first point.

Third paragraph:

- Respond to your second point.

Concluding paragraph:

- Restate the thesis and end with a prediction, warning, or suggestion

Requirements:

All papers must:

- Be double spaced, use 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and have 1” margins all around.
- Include five **highlighted** (5) vocabulary words AND three (3) quotes in your response.
- Include two (2) sentences in **present perfect progressive** and one sentence in **future progressive**. Underline the sentences in your paper.

Summary

- Include a one-paragraph summary (12-15 lines long). You may NOT use quotes from the text in the summary. You may not have similar wording either. Everything should be in your own words.

Response

- Include a two-paragraph response to the author's ideas. This section must include a thesis statement. You may not merely agree and restate the author's points. You have to include original ideas.
- **ESL M02:** The response must be 25-30 lines long.
- **ESL M03:** The response must be 40-50 lines long.

Conclusion

- Include a one-paragraph conclusion (5-10 lines long). The conclusion must restate the thesis and end with a suggestion, prediction, or warning.

Other notes:

- Your FINAL draft must be submitted to Canvas by the due date. I will accept late final drafts at a grade penalty of 5% for each calendar day it is late (i.e. including weekends).
- I do not accept papers that are more than one week late, no matter the excuse for not completing it.

Important Dates:

Thursday, January 24th @11:59pm
Thursday, January 31st @11:59pm

Summary-Response OUTLINE due
Summary-Response FINAL DRAFT due