# **Intro to American & British Lit: Reading Responses**

Good writing has good ideas and good thinking. It is clear, precise, and concise. Make your answers reflect these qualities.

Do NOT summarize the story or include long quotes. I know the story well. Instead, react and respond to ideas in the story. Why are they important or interesting or worth thinking about? How do the ideas in the story connect to your life and experienceWhat questions do you have? (Not “what questions might impress the teacher?”

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| Reading Response to Book/Chapters | | About how long did this take to read? | | | 6h |
|  | | How difficult was it? (0-5)  (0 = easy …5 = impossible to understand) | | | 4 |
| How interesting was it? (0-5)  (0 = so boring … 5 = loved it) | | | 5 |
| New vocabulary/language | | | | | |
| **10+ Words I needed to look up** (with brief English definition) | | | | **10+ Words I guessed the meaning of** (with your guess) | |
| ﻿\*\*rural : of, relating to, or characteristic of the country as opposed to the city.\*\*  puny : small and weak in size or strength  Hellhole : A place that is extremely unpleasant, dirty, or uncomfortable, often due to being overcrowded or having poor conditions.  \*\*goggle-eyed : wide-eyed with surprise or amazement\*\*  \*\*dangling :\*\* Hanging loosely or limply; not fixed firmly or supported.  rippled : (verb) to form or cause to form a series of small waves or undulations.  \*\*rutted :\*\* having grooves or channels, typically caused by erosion or wear.  Shimmering : Glistening or sparkling with a soft, wavering light.  Scuba : A device for supplying a diver with air to breathe underwater, consisting of a tank of compressed air and a breathing apparatus.  swallow : a small, quick gulp or movement, often used to describe the action of taking food or liquid down the throat.  Enchanted : Delightfully charming or alluring, often used to describe something that seems to have magic or supernatural qualities.  \*\*shinnying :\*\* moving upward along a surface by gripping it with the legs and/or arms  Exhilaration : A feeling of great happiness and excitement.  Regicide : The act of killing a king or ruler.  obsessed : extremely interested or preoccupied with something  Guardian : A person who protects or takes care of something or someone.  exiled : forced to leave a place or situation, often permanently  Razor-blading : Using a razor blade to scrape or remove something, typically paint or adhesive.  Alcove : A recess or small room, often partially enclosed, as in a larger room or hall.  Stew : A dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in liquid.  Wheedling : Persuading or attempting to persuade someone by using persistent coaxing or flattery.  gunnysack : a coarse bag made of burlap or gunny cloth, used for packing or storing goods.  Cleats : Metal or plastic spikes attached to the soles of shoes to provide traction on grass or wet surfaces.  repented : felt remorse or regret for a past action  Smithsonian : A large complex of museums and research centers in Washington, D.C., operated by the U.S. government, named after James Smithson, who left funds to the U.S. for creating an establishment for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge."  Vaulted : having a high arched roof or ceiling.  Hurtling : Moving at high speed in a headlong manner.  knocker : a device attached to a door, typically in the shape of a ball or ring, that is used to strike the door to signal the desire to enter.  Cremated : Reduced to ashes, especially by fire, as part of a funeral process.  Wreath : A circular arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems, often used as a decoration or symbol of remembrance.  Smarter : More intelligent or clever.  U-Haul : A brand name for a company that rents trucks and trailers for moving purposes, often used generically to refer to any rental moving truck.  ---------------  Intoxicated : Drunk  unhandy : inconvenient  slooching : squishing  hellhole : extremely unpleasant place  goggle-eyed : wide-eyed  Proverbial : Well-known  stop-action : pause-like  Rippled : Waved  Clabber : Sour milk  dumb : stupid  prissily : in a prim or overly proper manner  Reassessing : Evaluating  liable : likely  broad-beamed : wide-hipped  enchanted : magical  Mischief : Playfulness  Hippies : Unconventional people  Cross-your-heart-and-hope-to-die : A solemn promise  Regicide : Killing a king  heavy : difficult  foundling : abandoned child  Terabithian : Terabithia-like  Squenched : Squeezed  glowingly : enthusiastically  Razor-blading : Scraping  alcove : hidden recess  Blabbed : Spilled  complacent : satisfied  Decent : Proper, respectable  flounced : moved with a showy, exaggerated motion  Cleats : Spiked shoes  undigested : not digested  plodding : walking slowly and with effort  Tippytoes : Toes  glisten : shine  baripity : sound of the pickup  lopsided : uneven  Brood : Group  miz : miss  Cremated : Turned to ashes  Dumb : Silly  bongoing : pounding  Hallmark : Greeting card  knighted : honored | | | |  | |
| Ideas from this reading that would be interesting to discuss | | | | | |
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| Questions about the story (include language, culture, story) | | | | | |
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