# **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? | | | 5h |
| A Christmas Carol  Chapter 4-5 | | 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) | |
| **monstrous** : unusually large or remarkable in a way that is shocking or hard to believe.  **Excrescence** : An abnormal outgrowth or enlargement of some part of the body; a swelling or unnatural growth.  **pent-house** : a projecting roof or canopy attached to the side of a building.  **flaunting** : ostentatiously displaying or exuding confidence or pride  **unwatched** : not being observed or monitored  **replete** : filled or well-supplied with something.  **inexorable** : unyielding, impossible to persuade or stop  **dwindled** : reduced in size, extent, or scope; became smaller or less.  **Poulterer** : A dealer in poultry, especially game birds and domestic fowls.  **munifi-** : This is an abbreviated form of "munificent," which means generous or liberal, especially in the giving of money or gifts. | | | | **Latent** : Hidden  **breach** : opening  **flannel** : soft fabric  **bereft** : deprived  **hoarding** : saving  **hushed** : quiet  **hob** : fireplace  **unanimity** : agreement  **extravagance** : luxury  **frisk** : search the person  **malady** : illness | |
| 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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