

## Response Paper Guidelines

1. Your response should be typed, double spaced, using MLA format and heading.
2. Your response should be 1.5-2 pages long. Shorter responses will not receive full credit. (see below)
3. For each response, I offer a topic on Web-Ct.
4. Your response must quote the work in question. If your response contains no quotations, then you receive a zero. You must quote because you are learning to analyze.
5. The quotations must be integrated into the paragraphs with narrative tags. “Floating quotations,” quotations that stand alone in a sentence, will garner no points. For example: **F. Scott Fitzgerald suggests that Nick has** “one valued quality” (34).
6. You must comment on the quotations. They cannot stand alone. Remember to include the correctly-documented parenthetical citations. (in pink above)
7. You must interpret the text. Do not turn in a paragraph of summary. Summaries will receive no credit.
8. You must provide some meaningful discussion of the work in question. Stretch your thoughts of interpretation—there are no wrong answers
9. The response must be clearly unified, grammatically correct, and free of typographical errors.
10. In the first paragraph, clearly identify the author and the work. Short stories, poems, and essays appear in quotation marks. Novels and plays are underlined.

I will give from 0-20 points on any given response. Some of the values are below

- 14 points (70%)
- 17 points (85%)
- 20 points (100%)

6 responses equal 120 points, a substantial amount of the final grade, so give these responses great effort.