**Response Aspects**

**Meaning**

* What is the author’s main message?
* What is the author trying to get across to the reader?
* How do you know this is the message?
* **Back up your ideas with examples from the texts.**

**Codes and Conventions**

* How do the codes and conventions help you **understand the meaning**?
* How do the codes and conventions **impact you as a reader**?
* How do the codes and conventions **support the meaning or enhance a mood?**

Codes and Conventions of a short story you may consider (because they support/enhance meaning):

**Title**

Is it significant or symbolic?

**Character Growth**

Is there a character who experiences some change, growth or new knowledge of self?

**Setting**

How does it enhance mood, action, plot?

**ALSO**:

**Stylistic Devices**

* Metaphor, a direct comparison.
* Symbol, an object that represents, stands for, or suggests an idea, visual image, belief or action.
* Diction, choice and use of words and phrases.
* Foreshadowing, a hint of what will happen.
* Cliffhanger, leaves you hanging and on the edge of your seat to create suspense.
* Hyperbole (usually in poetry), an over-exaggeration.
* Personification (usually in poetry), human quality to a non-human thing.
* Repitition, something that is repeated to enforce the message or to create a rhythm (poetry).

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**Connections**

* Connect to another story, movie, book, poem, painting, world event, news, or to yourself.
* Make sure you connect to emotions or ideas in the text.
* **BE SPECIFIC.**
* **Be sure to link your connection to the story. IT CONNECTS BECAUSE….**

**Judgement/Impact/Reading critically**

* What impact did the text have on you and why?
* How did it make you feel?
* What did you think of the message? Does it apply to your life? How? Why?
* What do you think about the main character’s actions/inactions, can you see why they did it? Do you agree with it? Disagree? Why?
* Did you learn anything?
* How does it impact your life or life in general?
* **Be sure to provide specific examples from the text to justify your opinion.**