

PERSONAL RESPONSE TO TEXT: CPU FORMAT

CRITICAL UNDERSTANDING PARAGRAPH MODEL

Your *Theme Statement* is referenced here.

This section is intended to explore the theme as presented in the text studied.

You need to discuss what is happening in the text, and examine / provide details that support your thematic understanding of the text.



PERSONAL CONNECTION PARAGRAPH MODEL

This section is intended to explore how a personal event also proves your selected theme.

Your personal connection must have the following elements:

- A personal story that is easily related to the subject of the text.
- The connection to your specific theme (*How does the story prove the theme?*)
- The personal experience does not have to model the events of the source text. Rather, it should further develop the same thematic understanding as that of the text.

UNIVERSAL UNDERSTANDING PARAGRAPH MODEL

This section expresses a “big world”—global—understanding of the topic and encourages others to consider the ideas being expressed—and perhaps you even convince the reader to adopt your ideas as their own. The comparison you present is an image that will linger with the reader long after they have read your piece.

Your section needs to:

- Answer the big question: So what? What does this mean for all of us?
- You must use a metaphor in this paragraph and explain its connection to your big idea / theme.