

What is a Quote Response Discussion Board Post?

To put it simply, a quote response is your own thoughtful response to something you read in the text.

In crafting your discussion board responses, you should rely on your own experiences, knowledge, questions, and musings to reveal the interest, understanding, or connection you made to the passage.

In doing so, be sure to consider the text and its language, meanings, purposes, revelations, intentions, weaknesses, and/or strengths.

Quote responses are a form of reader-response criticism in which the reader is involved in making meaning of the text in new ways. A text can be interpreted in many ways, and your response will not be like anyone else's.

How to Post a Quote Response

Inside the new thread you have created in the discussion forum, begin your post with the passage from the text that you are responding to.

So, in quotation marks, type the quote. It could be a few words or a few lines. Please do not type more than a few sentences.

After the quote, include a parenthetical in-text citation, which should be the author's last name and a page number. The end quotation mark should come before the parenthetical citation, and the period should come after it, as shown in the example below:

“Nothing ever likes to die—even a room” (Bradbury 599).

Using this format will help you become more familiar with citing sources using the MLA style, which should make documentation a little easier for you later in the semester (and in future semesters). You do not need to include a citation as it would appear on a Works Cited page.

Beneath the quoted passage, you should begin your personal response.

This response should be at least one good paragraph in length and should use appropriate grammar, mechanics, tone, and style.

Focus the response on the effect that the passage had on you the reader. As applicable, you should discuss **both the work *and* its applications to your life or the some aspect of the modern world. In so doing, you will be staying in the text *and* coming out of the text.**

Be sure to rely on details of the text as support for your discussion.

Your goal is to reveal a thoughtful consideration of the passage.

Your writing should be fresh. Your approach should be clear. Your voice should be honest. Your engagement should be evident.

Tips for Quote Responses

- Careful reading, clean thinking, honest writing.
 - See this as a conversation with the author or an opportunity to speak about what the quote means to you.
 - Make notes as you read and re-read the work.
 - Consider what aspect of the quote affects you most (language, voice, format, subject matter, allusions, word choice).
 - Try to understand and explain why you react the way you do.
 - Refer to the text. Use page numbers or line numbers.
 - **NO** outside research. Use the text and your own ideas and experiences. Make your own connections.
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Rubric (5 points total; 1 point each criterion)

- ___ Thorough, complete response.
- ___ Organized thoughts and connections.
- ___ Correct grammar and mechanics.
- ___ Appropriate tone and language.
- ___ Timely submission.