

The Book of Three Depth and Complexity Reading Response

Criteria:

1. Understanding of Material

Does your response demonstrate a deep understanding of the material or just a surface understanding?

This might look like:

- describing story elements (events, character, setting, motivation, conflict) in detail
- explaining relationships
- making insightful predictions and inferences
- identifying precise details in responses
- interpreting complex or subtle themes
- use of examples
- connections to self, other texts (or songs, poems, movies, TV shows, etc.), or world
- interpreting figurative language

2. Use of Evidence

Have you used evidence from the text to support your point of view? Have you done so with properly referenced page numbers?

For example:

On page 67, Taran asks Eilonwy for a cup of tea. This proves that...

““Can you please make me a cup of tea?” Taran asked Eilonwy (p. 63).” This proves that...

Notice that in the second example, the page number is in parentheses, followed by the end punctuation and then the closing quotation mark.

3. Conventions

Have you proofread your work?

- properly structured sentences
- spelling
- proper use of punctuation
- correct grammar
- Consistent use of tense (past, present, or future – this should be consistent throughout your response)
- paragraphing (one idea per paragraph; new idea = new paragraph)

4. Thoroughness

Have you provided a detailed, thoughtful response to your question, examining it in depth, or have you rushed and provided a quick or surface response?