

Powerful Response Rubric

	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING/APPLYING	EXTENDING
The Message/Big Idea and Evidence	 Big idea/message is unclear Very little evidence, if any, is provided of the big idea Does not include or includes limited thoughts/feelings and personal reactions 	 Big idea/message is stated and makes sense Provides some evidence of the big idea Includes thoughts/feelings and personal reactions 	 Big idea/message is clearly explained and makes sense Provides specific evidence of the big idea Includes thoughts/feelings and personal reactions in a detailed manner
Your Opinion And Reaction	 Opinion and reaction to the big idea are vague Provides no details about opinion and reaction No or minimal support is given for your reaction and/or opinion 	 States your opinion and reaction to the big idea Provides limited details about opinion and reaction Supports your reaction and/or opinion with some reasons and evidence 	 Clearly states your opinion and reaction to the big idea Provides details about opinion and reaction Supports your reaction and/or opinion with detailed reasons and evidence
Deeper Thinking	 Does not demonstrates deeper thinking Makes no, or limited, connections Does not explain what character and reader has learned 	 Demonstrates deeper thinking by going beyond the text Makes surface connections Has some explanation what character and reader has learned 	 Demonstrates deeper thinking by going beyond the text Makes meaningful connections Clearly explains what character and reader has learned
Effective Communication	 Ineffective opening and/or closing Sentences are poorly constructed or incomplete Simplistic, repetitive language used Contains many errors in writing (spelling, punctuation, grammar) Reads as a list 	 Simple opening and closing Some sentences are constructed correctly Some powerful/descriptive language used Some errors in writing (spelling, punctuation, grammar) Reads fairly smoothly, in a paragraph 	 Effective opening and closing Sentences are well constructed and varied Powerful/descriptive language is prevalent Writing is error free (spelling, punctuation, grammar) Ideas flow smoothly