

Personal Response

What is Personal Response and why is it important?

Personal Response encourages students to express their personal reactions and opinions about text. This discussion, which can take place in small groups or with the whole class, motivates readers because they have the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about what they have read. Personal Response discussions help students express and refine their ideas and think critically and creatively about information.

How can I use Personal Response with my students?

After students have read a book, encourage them to discuss in groups their personal responses to the story. You can encourage this discussion by asking open-ended questions such as: What was your favorite part? Does the story relate to something in your life? What reactions do you have to the story? In addition to discussion, students can record thoughts in a journal.



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