

**Brainstorm for Basic Response to Literature Name:**

**TITLE OF STORY:** Be sure to use quotes and appropriate capitals.

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✓ **CHARACTER TRAITS:** List at least 3 traits that describe the main character at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

**Beginning of story:** List three traits that describe the main character at the beginning of the story.

Give an example of one or more of these traits

**\*Turning Point:** List three traits that describe the main character at the turning point of the story.

Give an example of one or more of these traits

**End of story:** List three traits that describe the main character at the end of the story.

Give an example of one or more of these traits

**Turning Event:** At what point does the main character start to change?

**\*Turning Point**

**Theme:** Write a word or phrase that describes the story's theme

**What is the lesson or moral that the main character learns?**

**Notes:**

✓ Thesis Statement/Theme and Main Idea -*Write complete sentences*

**What is the title of the story and the theme?**

Be sure to use appropriate capitals and quotes around the title.

Start here with the title of the story:

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**Supporting Sentence: How does the theme/main idea relate to the story?**

Start here: *From the story, it is clear that...*

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✓ Character Traits: Use 3 traits in each box -*Write complete sentences in each box*

**Beginning of story:** Write three traits that describe the main character at the beginning of the story.

Start here: *The main character starts...*

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**Turning point:** List three traits that describe the main character in the turning point of the story.

Start here: *At the turning point...*

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**End of story:** List three traits that describe the main character at the end of the story.

Start here: *Eventually,*

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✓ **Conclusion** -*Write a complete sentence*

**Summary Statement: Restate the theme/main idea**

Start here: *This story is about...*

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Notes:

## Supporting Paragraph for Basic Response to Literature

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Paragraph

✓ Topic Sentence *-Write a complete sentence*

**Beginning of story:** Write three traits that describe the main character at the beginning of the story.

Start here: *In the beginning,*

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✓ Supporting Details *-Write complete sentences in each box*

**Give an example of the most important trait.**

Start here: *For example,*

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**Quote - Find a sentence in the story that illustrates the above-mentioned trait. Be sure to put quotes around the sentence that you carefully copy.**

Start here: *The story says...*

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✓ Conclusion *-Write a complete sentence*

**Write how the secondary character(s) react to the main character's behavior?**

Start here: *As a result...*

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**Notes:**

✓ Topic Sentence -*Write a complete sentence*

**Turning Point:** Write three traits that describe the main character at the turning point of the story.

Start here: *At the turning point...*

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✓ Supporting Details -*Write complete sentences in each box*

**Turning Point:** Give an example of the most important trait.

Start here: *Specifically,*

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**Quote –** Write a sentence from the story that illustrates an interaction with another character that highlights the turning point. Be sure to put quotes around the sentence that you carefully copy.

Start here: *The story states...*

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✓ Conclusion -*Write a complete sentence*

**How do the main character's actions at this turning point reflect the theme? What is the main character starting to notice?**

Start here: *So,*

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✓ **Topic Sentence** -*Write a complete sentence*

**End of story:** List three traits that describe the main character at the end of the story.  
Start here: *By the end of the story...*

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✓ **Supporting Details** -*Write completes sentences in box*

**Give an example of the most important trait.**  
Start here: *For instance,*

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**Quote – Write a sentence from the story that illustrates the above mentioned trait(s). Be sure to put quotes around the sentence.**  
Start here: *The story says...*

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✓ **Conclusion** -*Write a complete sentence*

**At the end of the story, how are the relationships different between the main character and secondary character? Relate this to the theme.**  
Start here: *As a result...*

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Notes:

✓ Topic Sentence -*Write a complete sentence*

**Restate the title with the theme/main idea. What lesson did the main character learn?**

*-Write a complete sentence*

Start here: *In conclusion...*

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✓ Supporting Details -*Write complete sentences in each box*

**Beginning of story: Re-list the beginning traits in a different order.**

Start here: *When the story begins...*

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**Turning Point: At what point does the main character start to change? List a character trait.**

Start here: *Eventually,*

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✓ Conclusion -*Write a complete sentence*

**Summary Statement: Restate the most important character trait at the end and tell how it relates to the theme.**

Start here: *Therefore it is evident that...*

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