

Level 1

Open Response Structure - 1 Paragraph

Follow the following step-by-step structure of open responses.

Prompt: How do Sherlock and Watson differ in “A Study in Scarlet?”

1. TAG + TTQA + YOUR ANSWER TO THE PROMPT + Reasons = Thesis Statement

Example: In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s novella, “A Study in Scarlet,” Sherlock and Watson differ because of their areas of expertise, personality traits and social skills.

*In open responses, your thesis statement should be the FIRST sentence of your response.

2. Use a transitional word/phrase and state first reason.

Example: The first way Sherlock and Watson differ in “A Study in Scarlet” is through their interests because Sherlock is an expert in observation and deducing clues, while Watson’s background is in medical training for the army.

*Notice how the reason mentions the prompt (how Sherlock and Watson differ), and also gives a to-the-point reason.

3. Use a transitional word/phrase to introduce an example of text evidence to prove your reason.

Example: For example, in the text it says, “.....” about Sherlock and “.....” about Watson.

*The prompt will dictate how many pieces of text evidence you will need to provide.

4. Give a brief sentence of analysis.

Example: These pieces of text evidence show that although the two men are partners and friends, their areas of expertise are different.

*Your analysis should be very brief, but should explain how your text evidence proves or is connected to the thesis.

5. Repeat steps 2-4 for your 2nd and 3rd reasons.

6. Concluding sentence that re-states thesis.

Example: In conclusion, Sherlock and Watson differ in “A Study in Scarlet” because of their areas of expertise, personality traits, and social skills.

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Prompt: What is the overall mood in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's short story, "The Adventure of the Speckled Band?"

1. TAG + TTQA + YOUR ANSWER TO THE PROMPT = Thesis Statement

Example: In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's short story, "The Adventure of the Speckled Band," the overall mood of the story is frightening.

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2. Use a transitional word/phrase and state first reason.

Example: The first way the mood of "The Adventure of the Speckled Band" is frightening is because of...

*Notice how the reason mentions the prompt (the mood of the story), and also gives a to-the-point reason.

3. Use a transitional word/phrase to introduce an example of text evidence to prove your reason.

Example: For example, in the text it says, "....." (pg. ___)

4. Give a brief sentence of analysis.

Example: This shows that the mood is frightening because...

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5. Repeat steps 2-4 for your 2nd and 3rd reasons.

6. Concluding sentence that re-states thesis.

Example: In conclusion, the mood of "The Adventures of the Speckled Band" is frightening.

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Open Response Assignment

“A Study in Scarlet”

Objective:

Through this assignment, you will learn and practice open response structure and will be able to identify the ways in which open response structure and processes differ from lengthy literary analysis essays.

Prompt: How do Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson differ in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s novella, “A Study in Scarlet”? Identify three ways that the characters are different and use evidence from the text to support your claims.

Procedure:

This will be an on-demand writing assignment. You will have one day to prepare a graphic organizer (either house or skeleton outline) which you will have access to while you write your open response. You will then have one class period to write your open response. Your graphic organizer/outline will serve as your draft, and your final draft will be what you write during the second class period.

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“The Adventure of the Speckled Band”

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Prompt: What overall mood is created for the reader in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s short story, “The Adventure of the Speckled Band”? Identify the mood and identify two examples of the way the mood was created using evidence from the text.

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1.) TAG + TTQA + Reasons = Thesis Statement

2.) Transition Word/Phrase + 1st Reason

3.) Example from Text with Page Number

4.) Brief Analysis

5.) Transition Word/Phrase + 2nd Reason

6.) Example from Text with Page Number

7.) Brief Analysis

8.) Transition Word/Phrase + 3rd Reason

9.) Example from Text with Page Number

10.) Brief Analysis

11.) Concluding Sentence
