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RESPONSE TO LITERATURE Notes

I. Learning Goal: I will be able to _____ and _____

_____ and its major components:

1.

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II. What is a Response to Literature?

1. Response –

2. Literature –

3. Response to Literature –

In Gary Soto's short story, "The No-Guitar Blues," the main character, a teenage boy named Fausto, takes advantage of some rich folks. As a result, he is consumed by guilt. The story shows that deep down, people want to do the right thing.

III. What should Response to Literature Writing include?

I. Details from the text –

A. Direct Quotation –

B. Paraphrase –

C. Summary –

Soto uses idioms to illustrate that Fausto's family does not have a lot of money. For example, Fausto worries that if he asks for a guitar, his parents will say, "Money doesn't grow on trees," or "What do you think we are, bankers?" (56). When he does ask for a guitar, his mother replies, "Honey, a guitar costs a lot of money ... but we'll see" (57).

2. Elaborations / Opinions about the text –

A. Elaborations –

B. Opinions –

The narrator describes the flowers around his childhood home as “rotting brown magnolia petals” and “graveyard flowers.” This description refers to the aspects of nature with words that remind the reader of death. Hurst is creating an atmosphere of approaching tragedy.

APPLICATION

I. Read each excerpt below. Write **YES** on the line if the excerpt is an example of a **Response to Literature**. Write **NO** on the line if the excerpt is not an example of a **Response to Literature**.

1. One main theme in “Cinderella” is optimism. Since Cinderella is an orphan, she lives with her evil stepmother and stepsisters. They force her to manage an incredible amount of difficult chores. Additionally, they treat her horribly. Because the stepmother does not want Cinderella to attend the ball, she gives her a huge list of difficult chores. Still, Cinderella does not complain and maintains a positive attitude. She hopes to finish her chores so that she can go to the ball. Most would give up hope, but Cinderella continues to be optimistic that if she is obedient and kind, good things will come her way.

2. The jury at Durham Crown Court announced their verdict at the end of the trial of A. Wolf (he prefers to be **FONDLY** known as Al). Al was found guilty of the harassment of the Three Little Pigs.

As the verdict was announced an intense cheer echoed around the courtroom. Oinks of sheer delight were shared by many. The prosecution team, led by Piggy Parker, were delighted by the result. Miss Parker declared, “At last justice has been exercised!”

The innocent, harmless pigs won the day. The scoundrel, Al, will now be punished for his unscrupulous, wolfish behavior. “Revenge is sweet,” snorted Miss Pig, with glee!

II. Read each excerpt. On the line provided, identify which type of **Detail from the text** is being used in the excerpt

I. The scene begins with two men named George and Lennie. One man is big, one man is small. Lennie is thirsty, so he drinks some water from the river. George gets mad at him.
