**Reading Response Paragraphs**

As we read sections of *My Ántonia*, we will practice responding to directed questions about the reading assignments in well-developed paragraphs. These responses will help us practice how to weave textual references into our own writing. They will also provide the starting point for class discussions.

The TEXT paragraph structure for literary-based response can help you write well-develop paragraphs:

 T = Topic sentence (introduce the topic of the paragraph and your main point about the topic)

 E = Evidence (refer to specific passages in the literature you are discussing) Repeat E and X

 X = Explanation (explain how the passages you reference connected to your point) as necessary

 T = Tie-up (reinforce and extend your main point)

To receive full credit, all paragraphs must be completed by the beginning of class. Your posts will be graded on quality, textual connections, and presentation.

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| **Discussion Posts** |
| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | **Pts** |
| Ideas | Response exceeds expectations by fully addressing the question(s) and moving deeper with additional insight and reflection.5 pts | Response meets expectations by addressing the question in a substantive manner.4 pts | Response does not meet expectations or significantly contribute to starting a discussion.2 pts |  / 4 pts |
| TextualConnections | Response smoothly incorporates multiple connections to the text of the novel in a manner that strengthens its ideas.5 pts | Response refers to specific text in the novel to support, illustrate, or reinforce its ideas.4 pts | Response either does not reference text from the novel or does not show how the text relates to other ideas. 2 pts |  / 4 pts |
| Presentation | Response uses powerful and purposeful words in correct structure with minor errors if any.5 pts | Response uses generally correct structure with only a few noticeable errors.4 pts | Response has word choice or grammar/spelling/etc. that needs editing.2 pts |  / 4 pts |
|  | Total Points |  / 12 pts |