

# Week 7: The Summary Response Essay

## Summary Response Essay

Hopefully the first essay was a bit of a refresher for you. You've probably been writing argumentative/persuasive essays all through high school, and so nothing we did the past two weeks threw you for a loop.

You might not be as familiar (or you may, how would I know?) with this second essay: the summary response essay. This essay is similar to a typical argument essay, but instead of arguing a point, you do two things:

1. You summarize another author's argument
2. You then either support or refute it

The important thing to remember here is that it's not about you **AGREEING** with the author. You will make an argument stating that the author was right or wrong (you will declare this in your thesis—see the chapter), and then you will support that position.

Chapter 10, your reading this week, will discuss this essay in more detail, along with providing several other important tools:

1. The basic organizational pattern (pg. 76)
2. **THE ASSIGNMENT ITSELF** (pgs. 75-76 starting at bottom of pg. 75)\*
3. A sample essay for your review (pgs. 77-79)

As with our first essay, we will write this essay over the span of two weeks. This week your job is to read the chapter, select a topic, write a rough draft, and post that draft to the Summary Response Essay Rough Draft Discussion Forum, as well as participate in our normal classroom discussion.

Next week your job will be to provide peer reviews for your classmates' essays as well as prepare your own final draft.

\*Note that rather than include specific articles from which you could choose in the textbook, I placed "xxx" in the selection area of the assignment. Online articles change regularly, so I didn't want a hard copy of a website that was no longer valid. There are many important topics related to technical education and jobs, and as part of this week's course material, I have included links to several articles.

In order to complete this essay, do the following:

1. Select an article from the list in this week's course material
2. Use that article as the basis for your summary response essay

## READING

### Chapter 10 in *The Super Compact Guide*

## THE SUMMARY RESPONSE DISCUSSION FORUM

Once you've completed the reading, go to the Summary Response Discussion Forum link. Review my opening question and respond, and then respond to at least TWO of your classmates throughout the week.

## **THE SUMMARY RESPONSE ESSAY ROUGH DRAFT FORUM**

By midnight Sunday night, post the rough draft of your Summary Response Essay to the Summary Response Essay Rough Draft Forum. Next week you will return to this forum to download at least THREE of your classmates' drafts to review. You will post those peer reviews in the Week 8 Summary Response Essay Peer Review Forum, which will be available next week.