ENG 2DI Response Journal

Editing Checklist

The following is a checklist designed to ensure that you are responding to your ISU novel insightfully. It distills the success criteria of the assignment into a formulaic checklist. While your responses should be organic and insightful, please make sure they meet the following criteria:

1. Does this journal show a deep level of understanding of the text?
   1. Do not just summarize the text
   2. Demonstrate your knowledge of underlying thematic issues or character development through struggles
2. Does the journal include specific textual references (paraphrase or quotations)?
   1. Are they well chosen?
   2. Are they stylistically integrated?
   3. Are they accompanied by parenthetical references?
3. Does the journal make connections between the text and the reader?
   1. Are they meaningful?
   2. Are there consistent thematic issues?
   3. Does the reader comment on the ways in which their experience is similar or different?
   4. Does the reader explain why they agree/disagree to a character or author’s perspective?
4. Is the journal well written?
   1. It should be informal within reason (the reader should say “I”)
   2. Does it articulate opinions coherently and persuasively
      1. Does the reader explain why they take the position that they do?
   3. Are there grammatical or mechanical errors?
   4. Is it the correct length? (1 page, single spaced)