How to Answer Interpretive Response Questions

- $\sqrt{1}$. Always use complete sentences. Respond in 3RD person, present tense
- $\sqrt{2}$. Never begin an answer with a pronoun (he, she, it, they, etc.)
- √ 3. Always use specific terms or names that are provided in the article/story and in the question, including title and author.

*A person should read your answer and know what the question was asking. *

 $\sqrt{4}$. Use details and examples from the article/story to support your answer.

*Correctly cite your source(s) *

√ 5. Use transitional words or phrases to make sentences flow smoothly. For example, this shows when..., an example is..., are acceptable and frequently used transitions.

EXAMPLE:

Question: Is the sniper a static or dynamic character?

Answer:

Topic Sentence

Example/Detail from the text to support

In "The Sniper" by Liam O'Flaherty, the protagonist is a dynamic character. The sniper changes from someone who is used to looking at death to someone who feels remorse. The author writes, "The sniper looked at his enemy falling and he shuddered. The lust of battle died in him. He became bitten by remorse" (O'Flaherty 9). After killing his enemy, the sniper does not feel a sense of relief. On the contrary, "...he revolted from the shattered mass of the dead enemy...he began...cursing the war, cursing himself, cursing everybody" (O'Flaherty 9). For some unknown reason, the sniper finds no satisfaction in taking the life of this particular enemy soldier, thus making him a dynamic character.

Your answer

Concluding Sentence

REMEMBER:

- Interpretive Responses are really well-developed paragraphs
- Interpretive Responses have details to support your answers
- Interpretive Responses use proper grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure
- The answer to the question is at the end of the TOPIC SENTENCE
- In the CONCLUDING SENTENCE, start with the answer to the question