

# **CITED COMMENTARY & RESPONSE**

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN WRITE CLUB**

# FIRST RESPONSE

1. Find the potential. Locate and acknowledge, specifically, moments in the writing that are pleasing. = )
2. Ask questions. Where do you (as a reader) need to know more? Where does logic not follow? Where is the writing cryptic/unclear?
3. Add “What If . . .” suggestions. What *might* the writer try?

# QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- Does the paper say something thoughtful? Is it truly a response, reaction, or commentary? (NOT just a summary)
- Does it bring together an idea or issue addressed in the sources? (NOT way off topic – total side tangent)
- Are MLA citations used correctly?
  - Check punctuation, capitalization, info included
  - Check both in-text parenthetical references & the works cited page
- Does the writer use 2 examples citation/quoting/paraphrasing for this assignment? (at least one quote and one paraphrase)
- Does the paper resist “formula”? Be sure the content dictates the form.
- Is the writing “good”/“effective”? Consider the opening, closing, word choice, smooth quote integration, etc. Are you interested? Is the writer convincing or thought-provoking?



**YES?**

**IF YOUR ANSWERS ARE UNEQUIVOCALLY  
“YES,” THEN YOU ARE GOLDEN.**