**Writing a personal response to a text**

A personal response means to write or speak about *at least two* aspect of the text. For example:

* What you think the text means and how is has affected your ideas or opinions
* How it relates or connects to you and your life, other texts you’ve read or wider society
* What you think about the way a text develops its ideas, story, characters or uses language or structure

AND you need to support **each of the ideas** with *at least one* example of evidence (specific details) from the text.

Questions to think about:

* What interested you about this text?
* What surprised you?
* What didn’t you like or understand?
* What was new to you in the text?
* What did you learn from the text?
* Were any parts of the text particularly exciting or tense?
* Did you agree or disagree with the author/director?
* Were any events, people or places in the text like those you know of have experienced?
* Was this text like any other text you’ve read or seen?
* Does this text present contrasting ideas to another text you’ve read or seen?
* What does this text have to say about the way people live and/or relate to each other?
* Did the text change your mind about something, or give you a new insight into a person, place or an issue or event?
* Did the text present characters or people in an interesting or unusual way?
* Did the text change your mind about something, or give you a new insight into a person, place or an event?
* Did the text use language or visual effects in an interesting way?
* Did the text have a sound track that was impressive and/or interesting?
* Was there an actor in the visual text that you thought was very good?

*Use these questions as prompts to help develop ideas within your response.*