

# Critical Response Notes

Text Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Summary (use "Birthday Invitation Rules"): \_\_\_\_\_

Observations: Describe 2-3 topics/ themes from the text that really stand out to you. What here really strikes you as strange, fascinating, upsetting, interesting, etc, and why?

Associations: Describe any associations that these topics/themes in the text brings up for you. Do the details/themes you observed remind you of other texts or conversations that you've encountered, and Why?

Questions: Describe 2-3 questions that come up when you're reading/watching this text. Again, these can be narrative story questions or questions about larger themes in the text. (The best questions usually start with How..? and Why..?)

Answers: Describe answers for the critical questions that you've pitched. Create hypothesis answers your own inquiries.

Evidence: When answering your own critical questions, ground your answers in details from the text—the more specific, the better: direct quotes, wording, specific actions, plot points, tonal shifts, imagery, etc.