

ENGL 2026

Viewing Response Instructions

You must complete ten viewing responses throughout the term. There will be sixteen opportunities to complete viewing responses. In other words, you can miss six responses for any reason without penalty. See the Daily Schedule for due dates.

To be clear, these are low stakes assignments meant to provide the foundations of class discussion. That is, they are designed to get you to think about our materials in a focused manner before you come to class.

Each response will be based on a question I provide to you at the end of the class before it is due. I will also place these prompts within the Canvas Assignment for the response in question. For example, the first viewing response, on *Episode IV*, is due on Wednesday 12 January. I will provide you with the prompt for this response in class on Monday 10 January and will place the prompt in the Viewing Response 1 Assignment (accessible from the Assignments or the Modules section in Canvas).

Each of your Viewing Responses should be about 200 words long. Consider them more in the sense of “thinking out loud” than in terms of “well-conceived arguments.” That said, they should be written as paragraphs and conform to standard rules of grammar and style. You should spellcheck and proofread your responses and, where necessary, edit them for clarity. Responses should be double-spaced, make use of normal (MS Word) margins and formatting, and printed in a normal typeface (Times New Roman, Garamond, or similar).

Importantly, responses must be printed out and turned in during class on the day they are due. If you miss class the day a response is due, you cannot complete that response. As these responses are designed to provide you opportunity to think about our films and shows for the purpose of class discussion, and because they are also part of how I incentivize you to come to class, they cannot be made up. However, as stated above, there are more than ten opportunities to complete the responses, so you should not worry if you miss one or two.

Each response is worth one point towards your final mark, up to ten points total. They will be marked as a 0 or 1. In order to earn a point for a response, you must demonstrate that you have watched the film or episode(s) for the day and given the prompt some consideration. Responses that simply summarize plot or discuss off-topic material (films or episodes other than what we have watched for the day, questions to which the prompt does not refer, or similar) will be given a zero.