Response Paper

Length: 2-3 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt font, Times Roman or equivalent

This short essay gauges your engagement with issues raised by the three critical paradigms studied thus far, to wit, New Criticism, Reader Response, and Structuralism. I would like you to develop a coherent response to one or more of these interpretive approaches, by focusing on an aspect that intrigued you in the reading(s) you select. I don't expect an extended summary of one or all of these methods; rather, I want you to select a moment or an extended quotation or a conceptual turn or something dissonant in whichever reading(s) you choose, and spend a few pages developing a coherent response to that element. Be specific, cite your texts judiciously, and let your mind play with ideas raised by the readings.
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