Camosun College English

What do I mean when I ask you for a response?

The response assignments give you a chance to explore and write about whatever comes to mind in connection with something you have read. You and I could read the same story and each have a different response. You receive credit for all of your responses, but I do not grade them because there is no one right way to respond to a piece of writing,

I may ask you to respond to essays, short stories, novels, or newspaper and magazine articles. It is fine to try to follow your writing wherever it goes. Such questions as these may help you get started:

- What did you like or not like about this writing?
- What, if anything, did you learn?
- What kinds of feelings or memories came up as you read?
- Please explain if you think this piece of writing changed you in any way.
- If you had a chance to talk with the author, what would you want to talk About?