

Reading Response Journal Directions

You must complete one journal entry every week. For each journal entry you must:

1. At the top of the page, write the book title, the pages you read that week, and the date of your journal entry.
2. Write 150 words in response to what you read. **Do not write more than 2-3 sentences of plot summary.** Write your own thoughts and opinions about what you've read. The reading journal should be mostly commentary (not concrete detail).
3. Each entry must contain at least 2 sentences that start with one of the response starters listed below. You may use more response starters if you want.
4. All journal entries should be typed or written neatly.

Reading Response Starters

Question: Ask any question you have about what you read.

What is _____? What does _____? Why _____? (Ask about vocabulary, geography, history, biographical information about the author, etc.)

Confusion: Write what confuses you.

I don't understand _____. What did (the character) do _____? Why did the character say _____?

Prediction: Write what you think might happen next and why you think this.

I predict _____ because _____.

Evaluation: Write down what you think about the book, a character, the setting, or an event. Make sure you give a reason for your opinion.

I think this book is _____ because _____. I like the character _____ because _____.
I don't like _____ because _____.

Connection: Write down how this book reminds you of something from your own life or that you read about or saw on TV.

This reminds me of _____ because _____. This is like _____. When I read this I felt _____ because _____.

Observation: Write down what you noticed happening in the book.

The author always _____. I noticed _____. That character always _____.