

INDEPENDENT READING RESPONSE JOURNAL

Your Reading Response Journal is a place for you to write about what you have read.

You have a standing homework assignment to read at least 20-30 minutes 4 times per week.

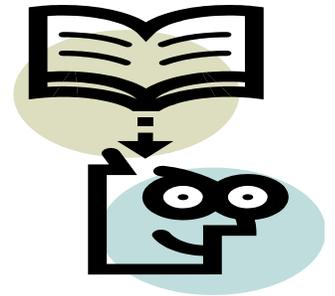
At least once a week, you will write an extended paragraph response. You can't be wrong in what you think about what you read, so take some risks and be honest. Your spelling and mechanics are important, so write correctly, but your ideas will be the focus. Write about what you like or dislike, what you think something means, or make predictions about what might happen later. DON'T just summarize the plot!! That would mean a 60% score max!

Rules:

1. Keep your reading journals together. They will be due at the end of each grading period & end of the semester.
2. Be sure to write the date and page numbers read on each entry (4 X per week); be sure to properly introduce your book in the weekly written response every time regardless of whether it's the same book or not. (Italicize/Underline book titles. Put short story titles in quotation marks.)
3. Include at least 2 quotations from your reading to help demonstrate your response to the text.

Some Ways to Respond to Reading

1. I wonder what this means...
2. I really don't understand the part where...
3. I really like/dislike this idea because...
4. This character reminds me of myself/someone I know because...
5. I like/dislike this book, because...
6. This part is very realistic/unrealistic, because...
7. The character I understand the most is _____, because...
8. This part of the book made me think about...
9. I really like the way...
10. This part reminds me of something that happened to me/a time in my life when...
11. I wonder why...
12. I noticed...
13. I like the way the author...
14. I felt _____ when...
15. I was surprised when...
16. It seems like...
17. This story teaches...
18. The words in the book are...
19. I think the relationship between these characters is interesting, because...
20. You should/shouldn't read this book, because...
21. I think the author is trying to say that...
22. If I were (name of character) at this point I would...
23. This part doesn't make sense because...



FORMAT OF WEEKLY RESPONSE:

			Name
			Date
			Period
<u>Independent Reading Response</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Page Numbers Read</u>	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
<u>Response Paragraph</u>			
Your response paragraph should begin with a topic sentence that includes the full title and author of the book. Your response should include personal reader responses to the book and not simply summary. Your response must include at least 2 correctly integrated and cited quotations from your reading that week. Maintain proper paragraph structure by ending with a concluding thought.			

Higher Level Responses

Analyze the text for use of literary devices (tone, structure, style, imagery)

Make connections between different characters or events in the text

Make connections to a different text (or film, song, etc...)

Discuss the words, ideas, or actions of the author or character(s)

Consider an event or description from the perspective of a different character

Analyze a passage and its relationship to the story as a whole