

Topics for Reading Journal Responses (FICTION)

1. What is the book about?
2. How does the book remind you of another book?
3. How does the book make you feel (explain)?
4. How does the author describe things (Author's Craft)?
5. Do you like the book? Why or why not? Would you read another book by this author?
6. Why did you choose this book?
7. What do you predict will happen in the story (explain)?
8. What did you find interesting in the story? Why?
9. What genre is the story? Do you enjoy reading this genre? Why?
10. How do you feel about the character in the story? What character trait best describes this character? Why?
11. What was funny to you in the story?
12. What do you think will happen if there were a sequel (part 2 of the story)?
13. What do you like or dislike about the setting of the story?
14. Write a letter telling the author what you think of the story, or any questions you have about the story.
15. Was there a character that is similar to you? Why or why not?
16. Tell/Write about the theme of the story. What is the conflict?
17. How does the author use powerful language? Give examples.
18. Is the book easy, just right or challenging to read? Why?
19. Describe the illustrations. If there are none, what illustrations could have been included in the story?
20. What is the solution of the story? If you haven't gotten to the end of the story what solution can you imagine as the ending? Or how could you change the ending of the story if you were dissatisfied with the author's choice.
21. Do you have any questions about the characters, story plot, etc.?
22. Did the story remind you of anything you've seen, experienced or heard about in real life?
23. Thinking of the author's craft, what things might you try to do in your own writing that you learned from this author?
24. Compare two characters in the book to each other by describing their similarities and their differences.
25. Compare a character in your book to a character in another book you have read.