



BOOK CHAT

Questions for Reading Journals

Use these questions to help you write in your reading journals. This list is not meant to cover everything, and it should be used only when you need a starting point for a journal entry. Your own thoughts and feelings are always the best source for your writing.

1. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book? After reading half of the book? After finishing the book?
2. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explode? Explain your reaction.
3. How is this book like (or not like) your own life? Explain.
4. What are the best parts of this book? What are the worst parts of this book? Why?
5. What was the author saying about life and living through this book? Explain.
6. What parts of the book seem most believable? Why? What parts seem unbelievable? Why?
7. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?

8. Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? What do you think might happen next?
9. What do you feel is the most important word, sentence, or passage in the book? The most important event, character, feeling, or decision? Why is it important?
10. In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
11. Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.
12. What character would you like to be in this book? Why?
13. What would you and your favorite character talk about in your first conversation? Begin the conversation.
14. What makes you wonder in this book? Why? What confuses you in this book? Why?
15. What came as a surprise in the book? Why?
16. Has this book helped you in any way? Explain.
17. How have you changed after reading this book? Explain.
18. How do you picture the author of this book? Why do you picture him or her in this way?
19. What questions would you like answered after reading this book?
20. Who else should read this book? Why? Who shouldn't read this book? Why?

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