

Reading Journals

Write down the title of your book, the author, and the page at which you stopped. Fill at least one **FULL** page with your personal response to the book. If you have trouble thinking of enough to fill a page, use some of the following suggested sentence lead-ins.

1. I wonder what this means...
2. I really don't understand this part because...
3. I really like or dislike this book because...
4. This character, _____, reminds me of somebody I know because...
5. This character, _____, reminds me of myself because...
6. This character, _____, is like _____ in _____ because...
7. I think this setting is important because...
8. This scene reminds me of a similar scene in _____ because...
9. This part is very realistic or unrealistic because...
10. I like or dislike this style of writing because...
11. This section makes me think about _____ because...
12. This section is particularly effective because...
13. I think the relationship between _____ and _____ is interesting because...
14. The ideas here remind me of the ideas in _____ because...
15. I like or dislike the character, _____, because...
16. This situation reminds me of a similar situation in my own life when...
17. The character I most admire is _____ because...
18. If I were _____ at this point, I would...

Avoid plot summary. Explore your feelings, thoughts, reactions, questions. Take some risks. Write about what you like or dislike, what seems confusing or unusual to you. Tell what you think something means. Make predictions about what might happen later. Try to relate this book to another work you've read. Connect your personal experiences with the characters, plot, or setting.