

Reader Reflections

The purpose of the reader reflections, or journals, is to become an active reader. You must reflect on what you are reading while you're reading it. It is NOT a plot summary. The reader reflections are a place to record your observations, ideas and insights, to question, and to react. You will state your personal feelings, thoughts, reactions, and questions about situations, ideas, actions, characters, settings, symbols, plot, theme, and any other elements of the book. The goal of your reflection is to get the most out of what you're reading.



You will write a total of 10 reflections.

See rubric for specifics about grading.

Here are some suggestions for your written responses:

- What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter of this book?
- Did this part of the book make you laugh? Cry? Cringe? Smile? Explain why.
- What connections are there between the book and your life? Explain.
- Describe the author's point of view. How does the author's attitude shape the way the writer presents the material?
- In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
- Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.
- Which character would you like to be in this book? Why?
- Make predictions about what will happen next.
- Show a personal reaction to the story.
- Describe the main character's personality.
- Comment on how a character has changed.
- Explain why you liked or disliked the text.
- State an opinion about the actions of the characters.
- Describe how a passage in the text created an image in your mind.
- Evaluate an action or a decision by a character or characters. Do you feel a wise or a poor decision has been made? Why? What decision would you prefer to have been made? Why?
- What has occurred that you consider foreshadowing? What do you believe will occur in the future? Why?
- Make connections with your own experience. What does the reading make you think of? Does it remind you of anything or anyone?
- What are the best parts of the book? Why? What are the worst parts? Why?
- 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?
- What came as a surprise in the book? Why?