

Reading Response Journals

Directions: Read for 20-30 minutes each night. Then respond to your reading by writing in your response journal. Below are some sample sentences to help you get started.

Think about the following questions when you are finished reading:

- How did this section of my book make me feel?
- Did it remind me of anything that has happened in my life?
- Did I learn anything from it? Can I take anything from it to improve myself?
- Can I make any predictions on what may happen next? Why do I think these things will happen? What details in the text support my prediction?

After you have thought about these questions, decide which would make the best entry for your response journal. You may also use your own ideas. Just make sure you include more than just a summary of what is happening. Share what you are feeling as you read your book.

Sample sentence starters:

- I began to think of ...
- I love the way...
- I can't believe ...
- I wonder why...
- I noticed...
- I think...
- If I were...
- I'm not sure...
- My favorite character is...and why...
- I like the way the author...
- When I don't know a word I...
- I felt sad when...
- I wish that...
- This made me think of...
- I was surprised...
- It seems like...
- I'm not sure...
- Some of the illustrations..
- This story teaches...