

# Reading Response Journal Entries

When you respond to a reading passage or story, include responses to the various questions below:

1. What could have happened if.....
2. What theme do you notice emerging?
3. How is this similar to.....(*a place, another book, an experience, a person you know...*)
4. Compare this with something you've experienced that is similar.
5. What other outcomes could have happened?
6. Why did the author make .....happen?
7. What questions would you pose to the author?
8. What was the point of.....(*explain something that happened and why*)
9. What would you have written differently? Why?
10. How else could this story have ended?
11. What would your position have been with the problem?
12. How would you have responded to.....(*explain an event and what you would have done*)
13. How would you have handled .....(*a situation in the story*)
14. What change you would recommend? Why?
15. How would you feel if.....(*it happened to you, a part of the book was real...*)
16. Defend the author's position on.....
17. Discuss the importance of part when.....
18. What were the 3 most important events? Defend your answer.
19. Predict what could take place in a sequel.
20. What was the turning point? What makes you think this?
21. Compare a character with you or somebody you know.
22. What is the purpose of this story? Why?
23. How could you improve something in this story?
24. What needs to be improved or changed in the story.
25. How could it have been done differently?
26. How could this change to meet the needs of a different audience?
27. What do you wonder about?
28. How has this influenced you?
29. What advice do you have for the author?
30. What point of view did the author take? Could there be different point of views? What would they be?
31. What are the author's values, beliefs and attitudes? How do you know?
32. What is the audience being targeted? How do you know?
33. Could some people interpret this differently? How?
34. How do the images influence your thinking?
35. Are the images needed? Why or why not?
36. Would you have added something else to this text?