

Summer Reading Reflection Questions

Directions: During the Summer of 2022 you are required to read **two** books of your choosing. These books must be grade appropriate. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself! :) For one book, you will be completing a writing template that is provided to you in the Google Doc. For the second book, you will create a mini-project that will be presented at the beginning of the school year.

Book One- Writing Template

- Choose 5 questions to respond to based on the book you are reading. You may answer questions as you read your book, as some of the questions ask you to predict what happens next, etc.
- You have your own copy of the template at the bottom of this Doc.
- Type the question you have selected **and** your response
- **Your responses MUST be 8-10 sentences long. This MUST be your best effort. (Advice: use the R.A.C.E. writing strategy: Restate the question, Answer ALL parts of the question, Cite evidence from the text, Explain your evidence).**
- Complete a minimum of 5 questions per book, you are welcome to do more
 - to add lines to your template simply right click on the bottom row and select "insert row below"
- If you have not already done so, please **do NOT read** the following books. These novels will be read in ELA throughout the upcoming school year:

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| 6th Grade: | |
| Bud Not Buddy | Christopher Paul Curtis |
| A Wrinkle in Time | Madeleine L'Engle |
| Scouts | Shannon Greenland |
| 7th Grade: | |
| The Outsiders | S.E. Hinton |
| Hour of the Bees | Lindsay Eagar |
| Fish in a Tree | Lynda Mullaly Hunt |
| 8th Grade: | |
| Night | Elie Wiesel |
| To Kill a Mockingbird | Harper Lee |
| Boy: Tales of Childhood | Roald Dahl |

Response Questions

There are questions for both fiction and non-fiction books. The response chart is located at the end of this doc. Please type your responses in the chart.

Fiction (F):

1. I chose to read this book because...
2. How does the theme(s) of this book link to our Catholic faith? (ie: virtues)
3. While you were reading today, describe what you pictured in your mind about the story.
4. Which character can you connect with the most in your book? Why?
5. This character reminds me of somebody I know...
6. Which part of your book are you having the most difficulty understanding or connecting with? Why do you think this is?
7. What have you done that is similar to what the characters experience in your book?
8. How does the part that you read today fit together with the parts that you read earlier?
9. Predict what will happen in the next few chapters/remainder of the book. Support your prediction with facts/quotes from the story.
10. Based on what the characters say or do, what can you infer about their attributes/personalities?
11. Describe the setting. What is its significance to the story? How would the story be different in a different time or place?
12. What motivates the protagonist (main character)? How do you know? Use evidence from the book to support your answer.
13. What are the major obstacles that your protagonist faces? Explain why you think these are most important.
14. Write a letter from one character to another. Be sure to use two quotes from the text within the letter.
15. Create a diary entry in the voice of a character. Be sure to use two quotes from the text within your entry.

16. Find a quote that stands out to you and explain why you chose it.
17. Choose a character from this chapter. What do you like the most or the least about them? Why?
18. How realistic is the plot of your book?
19. Find some interesting dialogue. Explain what is happening between the characters involved.
20. If you could "jump" into your book right now, what would you do in the story and why?
21. Which character would you like to have as a friend and why?
22. Which part of the story caused the strongest feelings in you? Why?
23. This part of the story reminds me of (another title) because
24. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter of this book?
25. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Cringe? Smile? Cheer? Explain.
26. What connections are there between the book and your life? Explain.
27. What is the most important event in the book? Explain.
28. Who should or shouldn't read this book? Why?
29. What are the best parts of the book? Why?
30. What are the worst parts? Why?
31. Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? What do you think should happen next?
32. What came as a surprise in the book? Why?
33. What parts of the book seem most believable or unbelievable? Why?
34. What makes you wonder in this book?
35. What confuses you in the book?
36. In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
37. Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.

38. Which character would you like to be in this book? Why?
39. What would you and your favorite character talk about in a conversation? Begin the conversation.
40. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?
41. What do you know now that you didn't know before?
42. What questions in this book would you like answered?
43. What do I think will happen next?
44. What are some words I don't know or questions I have?
45. What does the writer's purpose seem to be?
46. My favorite character is _____ because....
47. I can relate to....
48. I cannot relate to...
49. If I were the author, I'd change....
50. Something that doesn't make sense about this story is...
51. What I think will happen next is....
52. If I were (character in story), I'd....
53. I believe the author wants the reader to....
54. Something unrealistic or too coincidental in the story is....
55. My favorite sentence so far is _____ because....
56. The most important character is _____ because...
57. Write a poem from a character's viewpoint
58. Write a poem about the setting.
59. Write a poem about a character.

60. If you could be related to a character, who would it be and why?
61. Write a solution for a problem a character has that is different from anything suggested in the book.
62. In the sequel to this book, the following should happen....
63. Choose a food that represents this book and explain why.
64. Create a theme song with lyrics for the book.
65. Write a letter to the author of your book.
66. Choose a character and decide what would be two appropriate birthday presents for that character and explain why.
67. What type of reader would enjoy this book and why?
68. This book has made me reconsider or think twice about ... because....
69. Discuss a conflict in the book that is “timeless” and “universal.”
70. If I could step into the book, the first thing I would do is....
71. I can't understand why (character) doesn't just
72. I laughed aloud when....
73. I felt like crying when....
74. I was furious when....
75. I was surprised when.....
76. This book reminds me of the fairy tale _____ because....
77. If I were making this book into a movie, the part(s) I would cut out or change would be...because....
78. Discuss how (character) shows his/her personality through the dialogue in the story.
79. Discuss how (character) shows his/her personality by the actions he/she takes.
80. Discuss how (character) shows his/her personality by what other characters say or do toward this character.

81. Create an award for this book. Explain the award and why this book received it.
82. Describe how a character is being virtuous.

Nonfiction (NF):

1. Which part of the book are you having the most difficulty understanding or connecting with?
Why do you think this is?
2. How does the part you read today connect with what you already knew about the topic?
3. Find a quote that is interesting to you and explain why you chose it.
4. I can't believe that
5. My favorite part of the book so far is
6. Who should or shouldn't read this book and why?
7. What do you know now that you didn't know before?
8. What are some words I don't know or some questions I have?
9. I believe that the author wants the reader to
10. Write a letter to the author of this book.
11. This book has made me think twice about
12. Create an award for this book. Explain the award and why this book received it.
13. Now that I've read this book, I want to learn more about
14. I used to think _____, but now I know _____.
15. I got off track in reading when _____ because _____.
16. Describe a part you had to read twice and why.
17. I've always wanted to learn more about _____.

18. A career in which I could use this information would be _____.
19. Does the content in the book affect your life? How so?
20. What solutions does the author propose? Do you agree with them and why?
21. I wonder what this part means
22. This part is very realistic/unrealistic because
23. I love the way....
24. I can't believe that....
25. If I were _____, I would
26. I'm not sure that
27. I like the way the author
28. I felt sad/elated/apprehensive when
29. My favorite part of the book so far is
30. What is the author's intent in writing the book?
31. What are some interesting vocabulary words that you have learned from this book?
32. This book reminded me of _____.
33. If I wrote a book about this topic, I would include _____.
34. The most exciting thing I learned from this book is _____.
35. I would recommend this book to _____ because _____.
36. The part of this book I had difficulty understanding is _____.

Summer Reading EXAMPLE

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| EXAMPLE | Author: R.J. Palacio | | Title: <i>Wonder</i> |
| Response # | Date: | Question: | Response: |
| 1. | 6/14 | F-1 | While reading today I pictured Auggie walking through the halls of his new school for the first time ever. I imagined he was nervous and saw all the other students looking at him. I see Auggie looking back and forth from one side of the hallway to the other trying to take in all the new things he's seeing. Auggie is going to meet so many new people at his school, I hope that at least some of them will end up being true friends to him and walking the halls won't be so daunting to him. |

Summer Reading Book #1

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| EXAMPLE | Author: | | Title: |
| Response # | Date: | Question: | Response: |
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