

Fiction Response Journal Prompts



Read the selection and write a response. Begin each response with the book title and the date of your journal entry. Response ideas:

Book Title Date

- ◆ Tell about what happened in the story.
- ◆ Ask questions about things that confuse you or that you wonder about.
- ◆ Describe your feelings about the characters, setting, or the events.
- ◆ Copy down a quote from a character and tell why you think it's meaningful.
- ◆ Describe your favorite part.
- ◆ Make a prediction about what will happen next. Explain why you feel this way.
- ◆ Tell how you would react if you were one of the characters in the story.
- ◆ Describe a part that surprised you.
- ◆ Does the author use any strong imagery in the story (similes, metaphors, etc.)? Give examples and tell why you like them.
- ◆ Write a letter to the author or a character.
- ◆ Draw pictures or create graphic organizers.

Nonfiction Journal Prompts



Read the selection and write a response. Begin each response with the book title and the date of your journal entry. Response ideas:

Book Title Date

Before you read the book . . .

- ◆ What do you know about the topic before getting started on the book?
- ◆ What do you want to learn?
- ◆ Why did you choose this book?

While reading the book . . .

- ◆ What information surprised you?
- ◆ How can you use this information in your life?
- ◆ What information do you question or think might not be correct? How might you verify it or find out more?
- ◆ What is the most important thing you have learned? Why?
- ◆ What is the most interesting thing you read?
- ◆ Discuss the text structure used in the book.
- ◆ What techniques does the author use to make this information easy to understand?
- ◆ Where do you think you could look for more information on this topic?