

DIRECTIONS: Please respond for approximately five minutes to ONE of the following questions. Each day after you read, you will post in your log the date, title of what you've been reading, page numbers completed (from page # to page #), the number of the prompt you are writing about, and your actual response. This Reader Response Journal is also online at <http://sbo.nm.k12.va.us>.

Reader Response Journal Prompts

1. After reading, I wonder...
2. Are the characters realistic (do they seem like they could be real people)? Why or why not?
3. Create a timeline of events from what you have read so far.
4. Create a 'WANTED' poster for the antagonist.
5. Describe a character that you would like to meet (which doesn't mean that you think you would like the character, but that you think the character would be interesting). List 4 questions that you would ask.
6. Describe something you have read that is similar to this.
7. Describe the major conflict. What side are you on?
8. **Importance of an Episode:** Select what you consider the most important episode in the book/film. Explain (briefly) what happens, why you think it is important to the section, your reaction to the episode, and why you react this way.
9. **Setting:** What effect does the setting (time, place, social and historical background) have on the character's thoughts, actions, and choices? What would be *your* reaction to having to adapt to the character's environment? Why?
10. Describe the setting's time and place. Create a new setting that you think would be better for the story and describe it.
11. Describe what was either believable or unbelievable about your reading. Defend your opinion.
12. Describe the similarities and differences between the main character and you.
13. **Theme:** Explain an idea or theme—either stated outright or implied by events—which is meaningful to you. Explain its importance to the book/film and why you find it meaningful.
14. **Character Comparison #1:** Compare yourself to a main character. Point out your similarities and try to account for differences between you and him/her. Considering what you have discovered, what is your reaction to this character? Why? How do you think the character would feel about you?
15. **Character Comparison #2:** Compare a character from your book/film to a character from another work of fiction (novel, play, film, short story). What are their similarities? What are their differences? Which character do you admire more? Why?
16. **Judgment:** Examine a character's actions, values, behavior, etc. with which you disagree. What is happening? Why is the character thinking/acting this way? What do you see wrong with it? Why? What would you suggest as a preferable response/behavior/value?

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