

Creative Reading Response Journal

This journal is designed to help students reflect on their reading in thoughtful, creative ways. The prompts below can be used with any book—fiction or nonfiction—and are flexible for a wide range of ages and reading levels. You can pick and choose which ones to use, repeat your favorites, or respond in drawings, lists, or full paragraphs.



Think About It

- What is the most important thing that happened in the book so far? Why do you think it's important?

- How does the main character change from the beginning to the end?

- What theme or lesson can readers learn from this story?

- Did anything surprise you? Why?

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- Would you want to be friends with the main character? Why or why not?

Create Something

- Draw a new cover for the book. What symbols or scenes would you include?

- Write a diary entry from the point of view of one of the characters.

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- Write a letter to the author with your thoughts or questions.

- Design a bookmark with a favorite quote and illustration.

- Make a playlist of songs that would match the mood of the book.

Make Connections

- Does anything in the story remind you of your own life or someone you know?

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- Can you connect this book to another book, movie, or event in history?

- How would this story change if it happened in a different time or place?

- What would happen if the main character had to switch places with someone from a different book?

- How does the setting affect the characters' choices?



Quick Writes

- Write a one-sentence summary of the chapter you just read.

- Make a list of 5 interesting words from the book and what they mean.

- Describe the setting using all five senses.

- Write a tweet (280 characters or less) that captures a big moment.

- What would you do differently if you were in the main character's shoes?
