

Ways to Respond to Books

Choose ONE idea for each response. Your response needs to be a DETAILED and well thought out paragraph.

1. Explain any connections you made while reading.
2. Describe your favorite part and explain why it was your favorite part.
3. Predict what will happen next.
4. Tell about the things you like or dislike about a character or event.
5. Ask questions. Keep a list of questions you have before, during, and after reading. When you are finished reading for the day, go back and see how many of your questions you can answer.
6. Read like a writer! Identify some neat words or phrases at the author uses.
7. Determine importance - list key words, key phrases, and key ideas while you read. Choose the most important ones from your list to help you write a summary.
8. Describe the "movie" that you created in your mind while you were reading. List some of the author's words that caused you to create the "movie." draw a picture of the "movie."
9. Be a critic! Tell who you would recommend this book, poem, or article to and explain why.

| Genre | Description |
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| Autobiography | The story of a real person's life, written by that person. |
| Biography | The story of a real person's life, written by another person. |
| Fantasy | A story that includes elements that are impossible, such as talking animals and magical powers. |
| Historical Fiction | A fictional story that takes place during events that really happened and may include some characters that were real people. |
| Informational | Texts that provide factual information about a variety of topics such as astronomy, geography, history, careers, travel, sports, weather, etc. |
| Mystery or Adventure | A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not resolved until the end of the story. |
| Poetry | Poetry is verse written to create a response of thoughts and feelings in the reader. It often uses rhyme and rhythm. |
| Realistic Fiction | A story about fictional characters that could happen in real life. |
| Science Fiction | A type of fantasy that uses science and technology, such as robots, machines, and space ships. |
| Traditional Literature | Stories that are passed down from one generation to the next. This includes folk tales, legends, tall tales, and myths. |