

# Summer Reading Response Journal

We are very curious to hear your responses to the book you selected to read this summer. One way to grow as a reader is to be aware of your thoughts as you read. For this optional assignment, you will complete a Summer Reading Response Journal...think of it as “you telling the story of the book you are reading.” In order to do this, first, break the book into 4 sections. For each section, answer the 4-5 questions that you find most interesting or applicable to that section of the book. Complete the chart below in a Google Doc or Word document. Be sure to fully develop your answers so that you are “thinking about your own thinking.”

1. Select a passage that elicited a strong reaction within you. Why do you think you reacted in such a way?
2. What is something in this section that surprised you? Why?
3. What would you change in this section? Why would you do so?
4. If you are reading the same book as someone else, did he/she respond differently to any sections? What does this show about you as a reader?
5. What did you learn about the world from this section? Do you think it can apply to your life?
6. What does the author imply about people through this section? Do you think the author is correct in his / her assumption about people?
7. Is this book what you expected it to be? Why or why not?
8. If your book is nonfiction, do you think the author is credible?
9. Do any of the characters remind you of anyone in your life? What is it about the character that does this?
10. What do you think is the most important sentence of this section. Why?
11. What questions do you have at this point? Why do you think the author has left these questions ambiguous thus far?
12. Who do you think is the author’s intended audience? What makes you think this?

13. What do you think are the author's motivations for writing this section? Why do you think this?

14. What is the tone of the book? Why do you think he / she created such a tone?

15. If you enjoy art, create an artistic representation of this section. You can then create a link to it in the response section of the chart.

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1: Pages or Chapters \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Response

## Section 2: Pages or Chapters \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Response

## Section 3: Pages or Chapters \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Response

## Section 4: Pages or Chapters \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Response