

summer reading journal entries

A response journal requires you to reflect on what you've read using examples from the story. You will be writing a total of six journal entries as you read your summer reading book. Directions for these journals are as follows::

- You may use a journal that you purchase in a store, or a single subject notebook. Neat loose leaf papers are also acceptable, but must be stapled or kept in a folder. Include your first and last name on the front of your journal. :
- You are required to write **five** entries per book. For each book you will write one entry **before** reading, one entry **1/4 of the way** through the book, one entry **halfway** through the book, one entry **3/4 of the way** through the book, and one entry **after** you complete the book. Each entry **MUST** be at least **1/2 page**.
- Keep in mind that you are thinking about and responding to what you've read, and not writing summaries. However, I expect to see references to events or characters from the book in your reactions. Ideas for entries and entry starters are listed on the following page.
- Your response journal will be worth 50 points of your summer reading grade. The other 50 points will come from the vocabulary log. Journals AND vocabulary packet are due on the **SECOND FRIDAY OF THE FIRST QUARTER**. Each day your journal/vocabulary packet is late will result in the loss of 5 points.
- This book list was created to encourage and/or maintain your interest in reading over the summer. If you pick a book from the list that interests you, the response journal and vocabulary log will not be a problem! Read while you lie on the beach, sit at the park, or when you're stuck inside during one of those crazy summer thunderstorms! ENJOY!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Merli, Mrs. Hayden
&
Mrs. Trescavage

journal ideas

before reading: write about *why* you picked this book and predict why you think will happen after reading the title and description.

sentence starters for journal entries: these work best in journal entries that you write $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through the book, **halfway** through the book, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the book, and at the **end**...

i noticed...

i wondered...

i couldn't believe that...

i began to think of...

i had forgotten...

_ was like...

it seems like...

i can't understand...

it made sense/didn't make sense to me that...

i didn't expect...

i'm not sure...

i know how _ felt when...

i like the way...

i realized...

i think...

if i were → i would have...

i wish...

i predict...

i predicted → but...

i enjoyed...

i was sad...

i was angry...

i smiled to myself when...

i laughed...

in my opinion...

this story would have been better if...

the best part of the story was...

if i had written this story...

you may also begin your journal entries your own way. just remember:

no summaries!!!