

Suggestions for Reading Response

- Write about your favorite part of the book and why it was important to the story.
- Explore how the main character changed throughout the story.
- Write about something that surprised you or that you found interesting.
- Describe an interesting or important character in your book.
- Describe parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
- Write about an important lesson that was learned in the story.
- Tell your thoughts or feelings about the **theme** of the story.
- Write your predictions about the story and tell whether or not they were right.
- Explain how the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that happened in your life (T-S Connections).
- Explain how the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting (T-T Connections).
- Describe how this book is like other books by the same author, on the same topic, or in the same genre.
- Retell the ending of the story AND write your feelings about it.
- Describe the author's craft: What was good about the author's writing? What things might you try to do in your own writing that you learned from this author?
- Explain why you think that your book is popular with students in the class (if it is popular with other readers in the class).
- Would you recommend the book to another reader? Explain why or why not.
- Describe what you would change about the book if you could rewrite it.
- Describe in details the setting of your book and how it fits into the story.
- Write a letter to a character in the book or a letter from one character to another.
- Write a diary entry in the voice of a character in your book.
- Compare two characters in the book to each other by describing their similarities and their differences.
- Compare a character in your book to a character in another book you have read.
- Make a list of 'lingering questions' you have after finishing the book.