

Independent Reading Log

Overview

- Each day for homework, you will need to read for a minimum of 30 minutes
- When you are done reading you will need to write a response.
- Use the Response Starters below to guide your writing.
- Throughout the year, use a variety of Response Starters. Don't get stuck in a rut, writing the same thing each night.
- Responses should thoroughly express your ideas about and understanding of the book you are reading.
- Your Independent Reading Log will be used toward your final Reading Grade EACH marking period.

IRL Response Starters

Starting a New Book:

- I chose this book because . . .
- So far, this book started off . . . I think I will enjoy it because . . . or I am not sure how much I will like this book because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)

Title/Cover:

- _____ is a _____ title for this book because . . .
- A better title for this book would have been _____. This would be a much better title because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- The cover of the book includes . . . In the book the images represent . . .

Plot:

- A conflict (problem) from today's reading was . . . It was resolved by . . . or I think it will be resolved by . . .
- When _____ happened, it caused _____ to happen.
- In today's reading the following important events occurred . . .

Characters:

- The character, _____, possesses the following character trait(s). Some examples from the story that support this include . . .
- The character, _____, said, "_____." Proving that he/she possesses the following character trait of _____.
- I can relate to the character, _____ because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- _____ is my favorite character in this book because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- _____ is my least favorite character in this book because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)

My Reaction:

- The events from today's reading remind me of a time when I . . .
- I am confused about _____ because . . .
- While I was reading today, the book made me think of _____. This is interesting because . . .
- As I was reading today, I felt _____. I felt _____. I think this was because . . .

Predictions:

- After today's reading, I predict that . . .
- I had predicted that _____. What happened was . . .

Compare and Contrast:

- The story I am reading is similar to _____ because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- The story I am reading is very different from _____ because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- The characters _____ and _____ are similar because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)
- The characters _____ and _____ are different because . . . (have **at least 2 examples** from the book to support your claim)

Setting/Tone:

- As I was reading, I noticed that this story is taking place in/at _____. This is important to the story because . . . Otherwise, . . .
- The tone of this book right now is _____. Some words/evidence that the author uses to show this are _____, _____, and _____.

Imagery and Figurative Language:

- During today's reading, I found the following 5 strong verbs . . . (use 2 of the strong verbs in original sentences created by you)
- During today's reading, I found the following 5 descriptive adjectives . . . (use 2 of the descriptive adjectives in original sentences created by you)
- My favorite line from today's reading was "_____." I liked it because . . .
- I found the following example of a metaphor: "_____." This metaphor is comparing _____.
- I found the following example of a simile: "_____." This simile is comparing _____.

Finishing a Book:

- I thought the ending of this book was _____ because _____.
- If I could change the ending of this book, it would end with . . .
- My favorite part of this book was _____ because . . .
- After reading this book, I would like to read other books by _____ because . . .

My Independent Reading Log

Name _____ Period _____ Weekly Date _____

Directions: Throughout the week (Monday - Thursday), you are to fill in the Independent Reading Log. This is a chance to reflect on what you are reading. Use a different IRL response starter for each new entry. It is your responsibility to turn your IRL Log in every Friday.

***Remember to write neatly in complete sentences!**

Monday's Date	Book Title	Genre	Start Page	End Page	Book Level <i>See * below</i>

IRL Log (Pick a Response Starter and share a little about what you read):

Tuesday's Date	Book Title	Genre	Start Page	End Page	Book Level <i>See * below</i>

IRL Log (Pick a Response Starter and share a little about what you read):

Wednesday's Date	Book Title	Genre	Start Page	End Page	Book Level <i>See * below</i>

IRL Log (Pick a Response Starter and share a little about what you read):

Thursday's Date	Book Title	Genre	Start Page	End Page	Book Level <i>See * below</i>

IRL Log (Pick a Response Starter and share a little about what you read):