

Standard Reading Response Guideline

Use this guideline to write a response to the book you are reading. These types of responses show your ability as a reader in two ways:

- You have read and understood the text
- You have been thinking, reacting, and using strategies while reading.


Use neat printing and edit carefully for spelling, punctuation and capitals.

Here is the expectation for paragraph organization and content:

Response Entry #

Date

Paragraph 1 – Introduction:

 Tell the **title and author** of the book. Be sure to underline the title of your book. Tell the **setting** of your book (where and when the story takes place). Introduce the **main character(s)** and tell something about them. Do not make a list of characters.

At least 4 sentences

Paragraph 2 – Background information:


 Explain the most **important** details of what you read this week.

Important details could be:

- Conflicts (problems) that happened.
- Conflicts (problems) that are solved.
- Something that happens to a main character.
- A change in the setting.

At least 4 sentences

Paragraph 3 – Conclusion:

 Respond to the reading by writing about the following:

1. Tell what you **like or dislike** about the book and **why**.
2. Tell about a **connection** you feel with the reading. The connection could be:
 - a. Text to self – you can relate to what’s happening in your story or to a character.
 - b. Text to text – this book reminds you of another book you’ve read.
 - c. Text to world – this book reminds you of a movie, play, event, or something that has happened in the world.

At least 4 sentences

*Remember this is a *standard* response – you would write more to go “above and beyond”.

Example of a standard response entry:

In my book, The Fault in Our Stars by John Green, the main character, Hazel, is battling cancer. The story begins with Hazel going to a support group of cancer survivors. She ends up meeting a new friend, Augustus. Augustus and Hazel develop a friendship that helps Hazel to realize that she wants more in life.

After finding her new friend, Augustus, Hazel realizes _____. She really wants to _____, but her doctors tell her she is too sick. Hazel tries to figure out how to achieve this goal and ends up_____.

I really like this book because it uses humor in the non-humorous situation of a girl having cancer. An example of the humor John Green uses is, "_____"(p. 67). I really connected with this part because_____.

Another example of a standard response entry:

Currently, I am reading Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui Sutherland. This book is the first in a series that follows the adventures of different dragon clans. It begins with a prologue that tells a story about the beginning of the prophecy. The prophecy describes how one dragon from each clan will come together to help unite all the clans and "end the fight".

Chapter one takes place six years after the prophecy is set into action. Five dragons were chosen and kept captive for their safety to ensure the prophecy comes true. The main character, Clay, longs for his freedom not realizing the danger outside of their cave. He and the other four dragons decide to escape and things get interesting. As the struggle for power and the war continues, the five dragons find themselves captured.

I began this book and wasn't really excited about it. Once I read to about page fifty, I really started to like it. I like that the characters were beginning to defend each other and work together toward a common purpose. I also like that the five dragons weren't the exact dragons that the prophecy called for; this adds a little suspense to the story.