

Keeping a Reading Journal

Writing entries in your journal is as important as reading your book or newspaper. In order to do this you can choose from the following activities.

1. Discuss how the main character is like or unlike a person (or animal) that you know.
2. Pretend that you're the author, describe the part that was the most fun or hardest to write. Explain why.
3. Describe an experience you've had that was like the experience of a character in the book.
4. Write any kind of poem about your book. (Min. 16 lines).
5. Write an obituary for one character.
6. Explain how a character in the book changed from the beginning to the end.
7. If the book has a villain, why was his or her punishment justified.
8. Explain why you would like to have one of the characters as a friend.
9. Draw a colour map of where a major part of the story takes place. Label the major landmarks or points of interest.
10. Write a prequel i.e. What you think happened before the story began.
11. Write what happened to the main character after the story ended.
12. Explain how you would make your book into a movie-- who would play the main characters, where would you film it etc? You must explain your choices.
13. Write an article for a newspaper published at the time of a major event in your book.
14. What problems did the major characters have and how did they solve them?
15. Make a crossword puzzle from your book.
16. Find a song(s) that seems to relate to your novel. Write out the lyrics and then write an explanation of how they relate.
17. Pretend you are a character in the novel and describe the other characters and what you think of each of them. Explain why.
18. Make a scrapbook of pictures of the main characters. You could cut out pictures of people and animals that you think look like the characters and places in the novel.
19. Write a rap (20 lines or more) about the book.
20. Design a new style cover for your book.
21. Write a letter to a character in your book.
22. Recount the story so far.
23. Write a biography of the author.
24. Write a character biography.
25. Write a blurb
26. Draw a cartoon strip about a scene/event in the story.
27. Imagine you have interviewed a character. Write down the questions and their answers.
28. Describe the setting.
29. Write a review to recommend the book to others.
30. Design your own activity.

REMEMBER TO WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL EVERY WEEK.