

Summer Reading Journal Prompts

Instructions

1. Date each entry
2. Fully Develop with examples
3. Respond to five prompts for two of the books you read
4. Each response must include textual evidence cited with the page number
5. Each response requires minimum of one paragraph

PROMPTS

1. How are the characters developing? Do you dislike certain characters? Are some characters dynamic? Are some flat? Do the characters change over the course of the story? How are the events or other characters influencing or motivating the characters?
2. Are there recurring themes, ideas, images and symbols? Why do you think the author is repeating them? What do you think of the author's decision to repeat them?
3. What are the conflicts in the book? Why are these conflicts developing? Are these conflicts internal (within the characters) or external (from outside sources)?
4. Can you relate to any of the characters? Do parts of the book remind you of yourself or others? Why? Can you feel what any of the characters are feeling?
5. Who is the narrator of the book? From what point of view is the story told? Why do you think the author selected this perspective and what effect does it have? Would a different narrator or different narration improve the book?
6. Evaluate the style of writing of the author. What are the sentences, word choice, descriptions like? Does the style of writing help the story line? Could the style be improved? How?
7. What is the author's tone toward his or her subject? What two words best define the tone of the book?
8. Select a passage and annotate it for literary elements including theme. Then after you annotate it, explain why you chose this passage over others.