


Reading Response Journals

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INTRODUCTION
Lead/Topic Sentence

Main Idea #1 _____

Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail

Main Idea #2 _____

Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail

Main Idea #3 _____

Detail	Detail
Detail	Detail

Conclusion

Expectations for Reading Response Journals

- ☐ Topic sentence
 - ☐ Turn the question around and use the name of the book and author
- ☐ Provide background info about the book or context
- ☐ Use at least two pieces of text evidence
 - ☐ Quotation from the text
- ☐ Connect the evidence back to the question
- ☐ Concluding sentence

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Guess what the question was

- In The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin I think the most interesting character is Mr. Westing.
- A small town in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War is the setting of the historical fiction novel “My Brother Sam is Dead” by John Collier.
- One element of fantasy in the book “Harry Potter” by JK Rowling is the use of magical wands.
- One internal conflict that Catherine must deal with in the story Rules by Cynthia Lord is whether or not she should go to the dance with her friend, Jason.

Sample

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Sentence starters

- In the book _____ by _____, the character _____ had to face a problem when _____.
- The book _____ by _____ is a __genre____ book. There are many details to support this, including _____

The character named _____ in the book _____ by _____ is _____.

Including text evidence/ specific details.

On page _____, _____ explain what happens.

A detail to support this is when _____ explain.

One piece of evidence to prove this is _____.