



Beginning Your Reading Journal

Your reading journal is there for you to note down your thoughts and ideas about the books you read. You don't have to write lots, just a few key points on the book you are reading.

Once you've chosen your book, jot down your ideas on the following in your reading journal:

Before you start reading:

- ⤴ What made you choose this particular book? - e.g. cover, blurb, friend, film etc.

As you start to read:

- ⤴ Does the book live up to your expectations from the cover?
- ⤴ Which characters have you met and which do you like?
- ⤴ What do you think is going to happen?
- ⤴ Find a good piece of setting description. Which words and phrases do you think create a good picture/atmosphere?
- ⤴ Having read the beginning of the book, would you change the cover? If yes, sketch out your design.

NOW - KEEP READING AND PICK UP THE NEXT READING JOURNAL PROMPT CARD!



Keep Going With Your Reading Journal

You should now have some notes in your reading journal about the book you are currently reading. Remember, your reading journal is for you to record your ideas and opinions.

So...

As you keep reading, especially as you find out more about the plot and the characters, jot down your ideas on the following in your reading journal:

- ⤴ Which parts of the story have made you really want to read on?
- ⤴ Have any of your characters changed much as the story has developed? How?
- ⤴ Which characters do you really like / not like? Why?
- ⤴ What different emotions does the book make you feel? e.g. happy, sad, frightened? Give an example.
- ⤴ Are there any questions you'd really like answered? e.g. Finding out what a character means when they drop clues.
- ⤴ How do you think the story will end? Jot down your predictions in your reading journal.

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Final Thoughts in Your Reading Journal

By now, your reading journal should have oodles of ideas and opinions about the book you are reading. Do you think your current book is the best book ever or does the author need to try harder? **YOU DECIDE!**

So...

As you near the end of the book make a note of your final thoughts and ideas in your reading journal. The following prompts might help:

- ⤴ Have all the loose ends been tied up at the end of your book?
- ⤴ Does it end the way you expected it to?
- ⤴ If you could rewrite the blurb on the back of the book, is there anything else you would add (without giving the ending away)?
- ⤴ If you could redesign the cover now you've finished the book, what would it look like? Sketch out your ideas in your reading journal.

NOW - CHOOSE ANOTHER BOOK AND
REMEMBER TO RECORD YOUR IDEAS IN YOUR
READING JOURNAL