Independent Reading Log

Overview
• Each day for homework, you will need to read for a minimum of 30 minutes
• When you are done reading you will need to write a response.
• Use the Response Starters below to guide your writing.
• Throughout the year, use a variety of Response Starters. Don’t get stuck in a rut, writing the same thing each night.
• Responses should thoroughly express your ideas about and understanding of the book you are reading.
• Your Independent Reading Log will be used toward your final Reading Grade EACH marking period.

IRL Response Starters

Starting a New Book:
• I chose this book because . . .
• So far, this book started off . . . I think I will enjoy it because . . . or I am not sure how much I will like this book because . . . (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)

Title/Cover:
• __________ is a __________ title for this book because . . .
• A better title for this book would have been __________. This would be a much better title because . . . (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• The cover of the book includes . . . In the book the images represent . . .

Plot:
• A conflict (problem) from today’s reading was . . . It was resolved by . . . or I think it will be resolved by . . .
• When _____ happened, it caused _____ to happen.
• In today’s reading the following important events occurred . . .

Characters:
• The character, __________, possesses the following character trait(s). Some examples from the story that support this include . . .
• The character, __________, said, “________________.” Proving that he/she possesses the following character trait of __________.
• I can relate to the character, __________ because . . . (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• __________ is my favorite character in this book because . . . (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• __________ is my least favorite character in this book because . . . (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
My Reaction:
• The events from today’s reading remind me of a time when I...
• I am confused about _________ because...
• While I was reading today, the book made me think of _______. This is interesting because...
• As I was reading today, I felt _________. I felt _________. I think this was because...

Predictions:
• After today’s reading, I predict that...
• I had predicted that _________. What happened was...

Compare and Contrast:
• The story I am reading is similar to ________ because... (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• The story I am reading is very different from ______ because... (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• The characters _________ and _________ are similar because... (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)
• The characters ________ and _________ are different because... (have at least 2 examples from the book to support your claim)

Setting/Tone:
• As I was reading, I noticed that this story is taking place in/at ________. This is important to the story because... Otherwise, ...
• The tone of this book right now is ________. Some words/evidence that the author uses to show this are _____, _____, and _____.

Imagery and Figurative Language:
• During today’s reading, I found the following 5 strong verbs... (use 2 of the strong verbs in original sentences created by you)
• During today’s reading, I found the following 5 descriptive adjectives... (use 2 of the descriptive adjectives in original sentences created by you)
• My favorite line from today’s reading was “__________.” I liked it because...
• I found the following example of a metaphor: “__________.” This metaphor is comparing ________.
• I found the following example of a simile: “____________.” This simile is comparing ________.

Finishing a Book:
• I thought the ending of this book was ________ because ________.
• If I could change the ending of this book, it would end with...
• My favorite part of this book was ________ because...
• After reading this book, I would like to read other books by ______ because...
**My Independent Reading Log**

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**Directions:** Throughout the week (Monday - Thursday), you are to fill in the Independent Reading Log. This is a chance to reflect on what you are reading. Use a different IRL response starter for each new entry. It is your responsibility to turn in your IRL Log **every** Friday.

*Remember to write neatly in complete sentences!*

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*BB = Brain Break Book  *JR = Just Right Book  *C = Challenge Book