

SILENT READING

Questions for Students

Regarding Reading Logs - I have a list of 50 questions that I have been using with my 7th graders after SR. We do this on a weekly basis after they read for thirty minutes. At the beginning, it was difficult for them, but now this practice is bearing fruits.

If you find them useful, you are free to try them out in your classes.

READING RESPONSE QUESTIONS

1. Before you started reading this book/story, what hints did the title give you as to what this book was going to be about?
2. Before reading this book/story today, what were your predictions about the characters or the plot?
3. What kinds of things should someone know about before trying to read your book, so that he/she will understand it better?
4. While you were reading today, what did you picture in your mind about the story?
5. Which character can you connect with the most in your book?
6. Which part of your book are you having the most difficulty understanding or connecting with?
7. What have you done that is similar to what the characters experience in your book?
8. What ideas do you have about the problem in your book?
9. What issue in your book has caused you to think the most?
10. What kind of message does the author want the reader to get from this book/story?
11. What issue in your book is the most interesting? upsetting? familiar? ridiculous? confusing?
12. How does the setting of your book contribute to the mood of the story?

13. What are the problems the main character faces and how are they solved?
14. How do two of the characters in your book differ from each other?
15. Which part of the story caused the most intense feelings in you?
16. What is the character that impressed you the most? Why?
17. What is the conflict the characters in your book experience and what are you learning about them through this conflict?
18. How has this story changed your thinking?
19. How has this story supported your thinking? While you were reading today, who did the characters remind you of and why?
21. What events and people cause the main character to change?
22. What motivates the main character's decisions?
23. How realistic is the plot of your book?
24. How does the title relate to the story?
25. What historical event is mentioned in your book and why?
26. How did the author make the characters believable?
27. Which character would you like to have as a friend and why?
28. Why do you think the author wrote this book/story?
29. How do the details that the author uses affect you, as the reader?
30. How does the part that you read today fit together with the parts that you read earlier?
31. What decision has a character made in your book that you totally disagree with?
32. What keeps going through your head about this book?
33. What do you think will happen in the next section you read?
34. Which character in your book are you the least similar to and why?
35. What have you learned in your book that will be helpful to you in another class or at another time?

36. How would you solve the problem that the main character has?
37. How does this book compare to another by the same author?
38. Which character has gone through the biggest change in your book and why?
39. If you could "jump" into your book right now, what would you do in the story and why?
40. Which part of your book would you like to go back to and re-read? Why?
41. What has been the most difficult part of this book and why do you think that is so?
42. Who would have the most difficulty understanding this book and why?
43. How has the author's style or language appealed to you?
44. What ideas have you gotten from this book for a story of your own?
45. What kind of people should read this book and why?
46. What information or knowledge did you already have that helped you to understand this book better?
47. Which part of what you read today were you able to visualize the best and why?
48. What personal event in your life does this book remind you of and why?
49. What strategy did you use while you were reading today to help clear up any confusion you were having?
50. What other events, people, or situations has this book caused you to think about and why?