

# READER'S RESPONSE: Talk About Books



Suggested topics:

- ✓ Describe the setting for your novel. How much do the time period and/or the environment impact the characters or conflict?
- ✓ Ask questions about things that confuse you or that you wonder about.
- ✓ Describe your feelings about the characters, setting, or the events.
- ✓ Copy down a short quote from a character and tell why you think it's meaningful.
- ✓ Describe your favorite part. Why did this passage appeal to you?
- ✓ Make a prediction about what will happen next. Explain why you feel this way.
- ✓ Tell how you would react if you were one of the characters in the story.
- ✓ Agree or disagree with an action taken by a character.
- ✓ Describe a part that surprised you.
- ✓ Does the author use any strong imagery in the story (similes, metaphors, etc.)? Give examples and tell why you like them.
- ✓ Write a letter from one character to another character, explaining how "you" feel about something.
- ✓ Make connections! Tell about a time that you had an experience similar to one of the characters.
- ✓ If you were turning this book into a movie, who would you cast for the parts? Be specific and explain why you chose particular actors/actresses. (Go beyond physical appearance)
- ✓ Discuss some of the author's use of literary devices: foreshadowing, flashbacks, irony, symbolism, etc. What effect do they have on the reader or story?
- ✓ Explain what made you choose this novel.
- ✓ Have you read other novels by this author? Compare/contrast the stories.
- ✓ Is this book a sequel? Does it maintain, get worse, or get better than the preceding novel?
- ✓ What lesson do you think the author is trying to teach?
- ✓ Describe ways that characters are changing in the book. What is causing these changes?
- ✓ List three personality traits of a character (i.e., stubborn, brave, loyal, pessimistic, etc) Explain where/how the story reveals these attributes.
- ✓ Describe three songs that a character might have in their favorite playlist: how do these songs relate to the character's personality or situation?
- ✓ Describe three things that this character needs to "throw away." What things could s/he do without in his/her life?
- ✓ Analyze a relationship between two characters. Is it positive or negative? Are there MUTUAL feelings?
- ✓ Is there a connection between the conflict and setting?

Remember, Reader's Response entries should be 1 page EACH. You should always refer directly to the text, and show your knowledge of the story by referring to characters by name. You may combine topics!