

# Reading Journal

## BRIEFLY DESCRIBE BOOK

Each week you will be responsible for reading \_\_\_\_\_ (this number depends on how long the book is) **chapters outside of class**. You must complete the **reading journal assignments outside of class** too. However, sometimes we will discuss the book in class.

On the work sheet that I give you, I would like you to write a **one or two sentence summary** of each chapter. A one or two sentence summary tells the main thing that happened. Learning to summarize is a very important reading skill.

Then I would like you to **respond to the content** of the chapter. A response is different from a summary. A summary tells what happened. A response tells what YOU think or feel about what happened. You can write about the characters, the action, or what the story made you think of. Your response should be at least **one page**, single spaced. This is an opportunity for you to practice and improve your writing. So take advantage of it!

Then I would like you to **write one question** that you have about the story. It can be a yes/no or a WH question.

Finally, I'd like you to **choose one word** in the chapter that is new for you and that you like. Write the **word**, the **definition**, the **part of speech** (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, etc.), the **sentence from the book** where it was used, and a **new, original sentence** of your own. I will check to make sure you have used the word correctly. I will correct your worksheets. I then expect you to copy the corrected work into your reading journal. I will give you blue books to use as your reading journal.

Your reading journal entry should look like this.

**Chapter #**

**Chapter Summary (1 or 2 sentences)**

**Chapter Response (one page, single spaced)**

**Chapter Question (yes/no or WH)**

**New Word, Definition, Part of Speech, Book Sentence, Your sentence**

We will read the first (few) chapters in class so that you understand exactly what to do.