Reader Response Journal Questions

What did you notice?

1. Do you notice any changes in the personality of the protagonist or antagonist?
2. Do you notice any emphasis on an object or minor character that might be important later?
3. Do you notice any repeating patterns in the book?
4. Do you notice the significance of the title in the chapter you are reading?
5. Is there anything unusual about the book’s beginning or ending?

What do you question?

6. Do you question any decision that a character has made?
7. Do you wonder what a certain passage in the book might mean? How do you explain this passage?
8. Do you question whether the author realistically presented a certain part of the book?
9. Do you question if something that happened in the author’s life might have influenced the writing of this novel?

What do you feel?

10. Does any part of this section make you feel scared, annoyed, frustrated, sad, happy, or horrified? Which part and why?
11. Do you feel differently now about a character or situation in the novel that you did before? Why have your feelings changed?
What do you connect to?

12. Does anything in this section remind you of something from your own experience, a movie, a TV program, a song, or another book that you have read? Talk about this relationship.
13. Are there experiences in your own life that help you to understand the book better?

What do you predict is going to happen?

14. Can you predict what is about to happen in this book? Why did you make this prediction? Can you write about something in the book that helped you make this prediction?

What parts of this book do you know are more important than others?

15. Are there parts in this book that are more important than the others? Which ones? Why do you think they are more important?

What do you do to fix your mistakes while reading?

16. Did you have any problems while you were reading this book? What did /could you do to solve the problem?

What did you visualize?

17. What did you visualize while you were reading this story? Describe fully the images you created. Do the images help you understand the book better?

Point out or Quote

18. Point out or quote a piece or writing that you feel is a good example of word choice, sentence fluency.