

Sample Reader's Response Format

Students should brainstorm as part of their prewriting, listing:

Who—Who were the main characters in the book?

What—What was the main problem the characters faced? What did they want?

Where—What is the location of the story?

When—When does the story take place?

How—How is the problem resolved in the story?

Why—Why is the problem resolved in this way?

When they are finished brainstorming, they should write out their reader's response in paragraphs. Here is an example for the students to follow:

I just read the book, (title), by (author). It was a (name of genre) story. The main characters were _____ . The main problem the characters face is _____ . The story takes place in _____ during _____ . The characters solve their problem by _____ . They solve it this way because _____ .

For the second paragraph, students should choose **one** of the connections that are also listed on their book logs, and answer in full:

1. Does this book remind you of any other books or movies? If so, what is the name of the book or movie, and how is it similar to this book? (Only choose this option if you can actually think of a book or movie which reminds you of this book. Don't just write, "It doesn't remind me of any other books or movies, just because." ;))
2. What do you think will happen to the characters after the story ends, and why? (Be sure to base your prediction on what clues the book gives you. Please don't write, "I know this happens next, because I saw the movie!")

3. Is there anything you think one of the characters should be doing differently? If so, describe what you think they should be doing, and why you think they should be doing this.