

Reading Response Journal: RRJ

Instructions:

1. During Independent Reading, you will either be reading your book of choice, or writing a letter to me in your RRJ. You may choose to write directly in the notebook given to you, or you may want to glue one in.
2. You must work on your Independent Reading at least once a day and you will be expected to complete at least **ONE** thoughtful response per week that is minimum one page long.
3. You may choose to write the letter all at once, or add to it over the course of the week.
4. You may choose to write the letter **DURING READING** or **AFTER READING** your book.
5. Most of the time you will be reading and letters are **NOT TO BE DONE AS HOMEWORK**.
6. Your letters must not only be retelling what you have read. You will receive a list of possible topics to write about, whether you are reading fiction or non-fiction.
7. Depending on your student number, you will be expected to choose your best letter to be handed in for assessment at the end of the each week.

Week 1: Students 1-6

Week 2: Students 7-12

Week 3: Students 13-18

Week 4: 19-25

I will hand my letters in on _____

8. You will keep your RRJ in your book box and it is to stay with you during Independent Reading time. You should also have it handy when listening to book talks to record books you might want to read.
9. Every month, in addition to a letter you will have to complete a book project of your choice. These projects can be found in the bin at the literacy center.
10. Your letters will be assessed using a rubric that will be attached to your notebook.
11. Your Independent Reading folder should include the following: reading log, reading interest list, and your notebook.