

91 Ways to Respond to Literature

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1 WRITE THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK FROM AN OPPOSITE POINT OF VIEW. This exercise may be part of a read-aloud or used as a classroom challenge.

2 WRITE THE END OF A NOVEL OR AFTER A SCENE. Imagine you are the protagonist or a character. What is the last thing you see or think before you go to bed?

3 WRITE A CHARACTER'S REACTION TO AN EVENT IN THE BOOK. Use dialogue that reveals the character's attitude or emotion regarding the event. Consider the character's feelings for the other characters, the situation, themselves, and their hopes, dreams, and fears.

4 REWRITE A PART OF A CHAPTER FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. Write from a character's perspective or the narrator's. Consider the character's relationship to the event or the other characters.

5 WRITE A PART OF THE BOOK. The book's events are autobiographical or semi-autobiographical. Write the author's thoughts and feelings.

6 WRITE A PROMOTION OR ADVERTISEMENT FOR A BOOK ABOUT THE BOOK. The author is a professional or a hobbyist. Write the author's thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

7 WRITE A LETTER TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK. Throughout the book, identify specific events that the author describes. Write a letter to the author, expressing your thoughts about the author's choices, and share your own thoughts about the book. Consider the author's choices and the author's style.

8 WRITE PROMPTLY A CHAPTER OF THE BOOK. Imagine the author is a professional or a hobbyist. Write the author's thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Consider the author's choices and the author's style.

9 WRITE A REPORT OR RESEARCH PAPER ABOUT ONE OF THE CHARACTERS OR EVENTS IN THE BOOK. For example, research the author's life and the author's style. Consider the author's choices and the author's style.

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