

# Reading Journal

## What Is A Reading Journal?

- A collection of thoughts, questions, observations, impressions and judgments  
It can include drawings, sketches, mind-maps, charts, or quotations
- A different way of "reading" a novel
- Your opinions / ideas about a novel
- A different way to demonstrate your learning and understanding

### 1. Summarize

- Write a sentence or two about what happened in your book today
- Describe the characters / setting
- Some ways to start these sentences include:
  - *I noticed that...*
  - *Today, in my novel...*

### 2. Analyze

- General feelings about what you have read
- Favorite quotations / words
- Your personal experiences that are related to the novel
- Questions you wonder about
- Some ways to start these sentences include
  - *A question I have is...*
  - *I don't understand...*
  - *I now understand why/ what/ how...*
  - *An interesting thought/ word/ sentence was ..... because...*
  - *This story makes me feel...*
  - *I can relate to this character/situation/setting/event/conflict...*
  - *I can compare this character / situation to...*

### 3. Judge

- Make a judgment about a character's words/actions/opinions
- Make a prediction as to what will happen next
- Some ways to start these sentences include
  - *I predict that...*
  - *I liked / didn't like it when the character did this...*
  - *I was impressed / disappointed by...*
  - *If I were the character I would have...*
  - *I wish that the character had...*
  - *This is where you could do a sketch / drawing / chart...*

