Reading journal questions

Choose from these questions to write a reading reflection on the section we read. Make sure to support your answers with specific reasons, examples and explanations, using quotes and/or information from the novel. You must also include a section that describes some of the important things that happened in this section. I am looking for your insight into what you have read. Do not tell me what happened in the story. Tell me what you think about what happened and why it is important or significant. Make sure you support what you say. Give reasons, Use examples for support. Explain what you mean. Write with a purpose in mind. Read between the lines. Look for meaning in what you have read.

Q-What do you think about what we have read so far? Why?

A- So far I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is one important thing we found out about in this part of the story?

A-One important thing we found out or learned about in this part of the story was…

Q-What is one thing a character did in the story that you remember?

A-One thing a character did in the story was…

Q-What is something you liked or didn’t like about the story in this part? Why?

A-One thing I (liked/didn’t like) about the story in this part was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-Who was your favourite or least favourite thing that happened in the story in this part? Why?

A-My (favourite/least favourite) part of the story was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is one emotion you felt while reading/listening to this part of the story?

A-One emotion I felt was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is something important, unusual, confusing or interesting that happened in this part of the story?

A-One thing I found (important/unusual/confusing/interesting) was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is one question you have about the story based on reading/listening to this part? Why?

A-One question I have about this part of the story is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is one new word you learned in this part of the story? What does it mean?

A-One new word I learned was… It means…

Q- Does what happened in this part of the story remind you of anything? Why?

A-The part of the story that reminded me of something was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Q-What is one word that describes a character in the novel? Why?

A-One word that describes a character in the novel is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because

Q-What is one thing you learned or found out about first nations peoples in this part of the story?

A-One thing I learned/found out about first nations peoples was…

Other possible questions-

Basic level questions

* Did anyone in the book do something you did not like? Explain what they did and why you didn’t like it?
* Pick something that happens to a character in the book that makes them feel something. Explain what happened and why they feel the way they do.
* Did this book remind you of anything that has happened to you? What? Why?

Medium difficulty questions

* Did this book give you any new ideas about yourself? Explain how and why?
* If you were in a problem situation like one in the book, how would you have acted? Be sure to tell what the situation is. Explain why.
* What lesson did you learn from the story? Explain.

Slightly Challenging questions

* Pick a character in the book. Explain how they are either like you or not like you.
* Find one word that describes a character in your book very well. Give reasons for your choice of words and explain.
* Compare two of the characters in this book.

Challenging questions

* Pick a part of this section of the novel you would change in the story, and explain why.
* If you could only save one character from the book in the event of a disaster, which one would it be and why?
* Defend the actions of a main character in the novel.
* Which character in the book would you choose for a friend? Why?
* Pick a character. Explain how their character has grown or changed in this section.
* Pick a character that you think was influential in this section and explain why.

Quote questions

Why did you pick the quote? I chose this quote because…

How does this quote make you feel? Why? This quote makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

What does this quote make you think of? Why? This quote makes me think of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Why is this quote important to the story? This quote is important to the story because…

What did you like/dislike about the quote? Why? I really liked this quote because…I didn’t like this quote because…

What was unusual or surprising about this quote? I found this quote unusual because…I found this quote surprising because…

What does this quote make you wonder about? Why? This quote makes me wonder \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Was the quote confusing in any way? Why? I found this quote confusing because…

Do you have any questions because of this quote? Why? Some questions I have based on this quote are \_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Does this quote relate to a theme in the story? How? Why? I think this quote relates to the theme of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the book because…

Does this quote remind you of a book/movie? How? Why? This quote reminds me of (name of book/movie) because…

Are there any social issues this quote reminds you of? Why? (ie. Race, class, culture, poverty, gender etc.) A social issue I think this quote helps us understand is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Is the quote interesting because of the author’s style/voice/use of literary devices (ie. Imagery, symbolism, metaphor, irony etc.) ? I found this quote interesting because of how the author used\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Does the quote make you think about any world issues? Why? A world issue I think this quote deals with is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Are there any important words in this quote? Why? One important word this quote uses is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because….