



Reading Journal Activities



Describe the setting's time and place. Create a new setting that you think would be better suited to the story and describe it.	Describe a character that you would like to meet. List 8 questions you would ask.	Draw a comic strip for your favourite part of the story.	Explore the cause and effect in the story. Write a cause (why did it happen?) and discuss its effect (what happened?)	Describe the major conflict. What side are you on and why?
What was going through your mind as you read? Give reasons for your opinions.	Write about a situation a character experiences. Compare it to a similar situation you might have experienced.	If the author were here, what would you say or ask him/her?	If you were a character in this book, who would you be? Why?	If you were the author, how would it end?
List at least 2 problems the characters faced. Which were the most life changing? Explain.	List 5 new words from your book. Research their meaning and explain why the author has used them.	Pretend what you are reading is nominated for an award. Explain why you think it should or should not receive an award.	Pretend you are a talk show host and two characters are the guests. Which characters would you choose and why? What questions would they ask each other?	Pretend you are a famous reporter on TV. Write a story about what you have read for the evening news.
Pretend you are the friend of one of the characters. Write him or her letter.	What five songs would you include? Write an explanation for each song: why would you include it, how does the song connect to events.	Pretend your job is to write magazine ads. Create an ad for what you have been reading.	Select a quote from your book that you like. What made you pick it? How does it make you feel?	Create a new blurb for your book. Be as creative as you like!
Draw a diagram of something mentioned in your book and label it with relevant information.	How does the author make you want to carry on reading the story?	Discuss the language that the author has used. Is it effective? Could you improve it?	What other stories have you read by the same or a similar author? Compare the similarities and differences.	Do you know another story, which deals with the same issues e.g. social, cultural, moral issues?