

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading Response Letter Format

## Structure of a Reading Response Letter

### Paragraph 1: Introduction

- Title
- Genre
- Author

**Answer Key:**

List some different greetings for a friendly letter below:

- Dear \_\_\_\_\_,
- [Name],
- Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

### Paragraph 2: Summary

Write a brief summary of the story (so far) without giving too much away.

What are some key things to include in a summary?

- Main characters
- Plot summary
- Setting

Add more reading response ideas below.

### Paragraph 3: The good stuff!!

Get deep about one topic or question that resonated with you and provide evidence from the story. Write this as if you are thinking aloud about the story. Examples:

- Discuss the main conflict and your prediction of how it will be resolved.
- Discuss a character with whom you relate and tell why.
- Discuss the author's writing style and how it improves the storytelling.
- Discuss a decision that a character made—what were the other choices? What were the consequences? How does this choice show the character's values?
- Discuss the way a character has changed or transformed throughout the story.

Additional Reading Response Topics: (sample answers)

- Your prediction about what will happen and why you think that.
- Discuss the flaws of the main character.
- Discuss a text-to-text, self-to-text, or text-to-world connection.

### Paragraph 4: Closing, a question to your reader and signature

- Make a statement that brings closure to your letter.
- Ask the reader a question that relates to something you discussed in the letter.

What are some different salutations you can use before your signature?

- Sincerely,
- Yours truly,
- Regards,
- Respectfully,
- Warm regards,