

# Writing in Response to Reading



## Stop & Jot

### Your Reflections

Jot down connections, predictions, inferences, questions, likes/dislikes.  
Note details that support the main theme (example: showing kindness).

### A Meaningful Moment in the Story

Reread that moment.  
Jot down details that stand out: sounds, feelings, characters' behaviors.

### What to Use

Use a sticky note or separate sheet of paper to **Stop & Jot**.



### Tip

Strong writers practice close reading strategies.

Pausing while reading to really pay attention to important and interesting details helps people write thoughtful reflections about a text!

### Directions

- ✓ Skim through the Reading Response section before reading.
- ✓ Then, read your book or short story for 10–20 minutes.
- ✓ As you read, stop & jot important observations.
- ✓ Complete the Reading Response section.

## Reading Response

I realize \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I wonder \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How does the setting impact the story? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how a character is feeling. Refer to a specific part of the text to support your thoughts.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how you can or cannot relate to one of the characters.

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What is a big idea or theme that you notice? Refer to at least one part of the text to provide evidence for this theme.

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What do you predict will happen next?

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This story reminds me of \_\_\_\_\_

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Write about a meaningful moment in the story. Include details, such as sounds, feelings, and characters' behaviors.

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