

Reading Journal activities

Ideas for writing about a story

Make a cartoon strip showing part of the story. Include some speech bubbles to show what the characters are saying	Write a blurb for the story, giving the reader a clue about what might happen but without giving too much away.	Use the dictionary to look up 6 words that you do not know and write their meaning.
Write an alternative ending for the story.	Draw a picture of your favourite part of the book and write about what is happening.	Write a letter to the author telling them why you did or didn't like their book.
Write about your favourite part of the story and explain why.	Write a book review including your favourite part, likes and dislikes and who you would recommend the book to.	How did the book make you feel? Explain why.
Write about a memory or experience of your own that is similar to something you've read in the book.	Before the last few pages of the book write or draw your prediction. Once finished read on to check.	Compare the book to another one that you have read. How were they similar? Different?
Who else should read this book? Why? Who shouldn't read this book? Why?	Write a letter to someone who would like the book telling them why they should read it.	Describe where and when the story took place. Explain why you would/wouldn't like to have a holiday there.

Ideas for writing about the characters in a story

What kind of person is the main character? Would you like to be friends with them? Why? Why not?	Which character did you like the most? Explain why	Pick a character in the story. How do they change throughout the story? Explain and use words/phrase from the text to support.
Compare two characters in the story. How are they similar? Different?	Think of 5 questions you would like to ask one of the characters. Swap with someone and answer in character.	Make a fact file about one of the characters.
Write about how a character might be feeling at different stages in the story. You could write it in role as the character, or in a speech bubble.	Which character in the book would you most like to be? Why?	Which character would you like to be? Why?

Ideas for writing about a non-fiction book

<p>Write down 3 facts that you would like to remember from the book you have read.</p>	<p>Choose a few words from the book that you do not know the meaning of. Look them up in a dictionary and write the meanings down.</p>	<p>What else would you like to know about the topic of the book? Write some questions and see if you can find out the answers.</p>
<p>Create your own quiz based on the facts in the book. Challenge someone at home to answer your questions.</p>	<p>Make a fact-file about a topic from your book.</p>	<p>Choose an event, object or person that you have learnt about in your book and write a description of it.</p>