

1. Describe a character that you would like to meet (which doesn't mean that you think you would like the character, but that you think the character would be interesting). List 4 questions that you would ask.
2. Describe something you have read that is similar to this.
3. Describe the major conflict. What side are you on?
4. Describe the most important event. Give at least three reasons why you think it is the most important event.
5. List at least three problems the characters faced? Which was the most life changing? Explain
6. List the personality characteristics of the main character (feelings, interests, behaviors, etc.)
7. List the physical characteristics of the main character (clothing, physical
8. features, etc.)
9. Describe the setting – when and where what you are reading takes place.
10. Is the setting described well enough that can put a picture of it in your mind? Why or why not?
11. Describe the similarities and differences between the main character and you.
12. Describe the theme (central meaning/message) of your reading.
13. Describe your least favorite character and explain why. Describe your most favorite character and explain why.
14. Do any of the characters' feeling change as you've read? Explain why or why not.
15. Draw a line down the center of your paper. Write a cause (why did it happen?) on the left and its effect (what happened?) on the right. Do this until you have three cause and effects listed.
16. Create a collage of 5 pictures symbolizing your book so far.
17. Draw an interpretation of the passage – may be a picture, symbols, graphic organizer. (Take a picture and post it.)
18. Explain how you have been surprised by what you are reading.
19. If the author were here, what would you say and ask him/her?
20. If you could change what you're reading, how would you change it?
21. If you were a character in this book, who would you be? Why?
22. In 4-6 sentences, describe several insights you've gained from your reading.
23. List three new vocabulary words from your reading. What can you tell about them from their structure? What can you tell about them from their context?
24. Predict what will happen next.
25. Pretend you are famous reporter on TV. Write a story about what you've read for the evening news.
26. Pretend you are the friend of one of the characters. Write him or her a letter.
27. Pretend you get to create the music soundtrack for what you've been reading. What five songs would you include? Write an explanation for each song: why would you include it, how does the song connect to events.
28. Pretend you have special powers and could put yourself in your reading. Where would you put yourself and why? How would you being there change the story?
29. Select a quote from your reading that you liked. What made you pick it? How does it make you pause and think?
30. Think of a problem that a character had to face. Write the problem and how the character solved it or is working to solve it. If you were that character, what would you do differently?
31. This connects to my life...
32. What is the author trying to tell you about life in this story? Defend this moral.
33. What is the mood of what you're reading (happy, sad, funny, serious, etc.)? Defend your idea.

34. What special way did the author write (for example, flashbacks, told in first person, multiple voice narrative, foreshadowing, lost descriptive words that create visual images in your mind, etc.)? Did that make reading it better or worse? Explain.
35. What you are reading is going to be made into a movie. Make a list five
36. characters, what famous actor will play each character and what about the
37. character makes that actor the best choice for the part.
38. What you are reading is going to be made into a movie. You are the movie executive that chooses the location for the filming. Where would you chose and why?
39. Who is the author? What do you know about the author? What do you imagine the author must be like?
40. Would you be friends with the main character? Why or why not? Support w/evidence from your reading.
41. Write a journal entry as if you were a certain character from your reading.
42. Write a quote from your reading that connects to your life. What did it mean to what you've been reading? What did it mean to your life?