Directions for Writing a Summary for Your Response

**10 Weeks of Reading Response Homework**

1. Begin by telling what you read, who wrote it, and how many minutes or pages you read in that time.
2. Introduce your characters--tell who was in your story and something about them. Do not just list names of characters, that is not enough information for your audience. Include words that tell or infer their character traits. Only discuss characters that were an important part of what you read during your thirty minutes.
3. Retell the important parts of what you read during your 30 minutes in a sequential order. Include your setting in this part. Use transition words like *in the beginning, next, finally,* or *at the end of the chapter.* Do not just list details; they need to be connected to retell what you read.
4. When someone reads your summary they should have a good idea of **who** is in the story, **what** important events happened during the time you read and **where** those events took place. Only use pronouns after you have identified the noun being replaced. Do not leave your audience wondering what was happening.

**Examples of a Summary**

**Example One:** I just finished reading thirty minutes of The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo. The characters in the part I read today included Despereaux, a lovelorn mouse, a clumsy serving maid named Miggery Sow, the kind and caring Princess Pea and an evil rat named Roscuro. The story began upstairs in the princess’s room of the castle. Miggery pointed a knife at Pea and told her she needed to follow her to the dungeon so they could switch places. Roscuro got upset that Mig gave away his plan. At the end of the chapter Roscuro took over and kidnapped Pea and took her to the dungeon.

**Example Two:** Today I read Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor for about 40 minutes. The main characters in the story were Marty Preston, a twelve year old boy who loves animals; Marty’s dad, Ray Preston who is a no-nonsense type of person and Judd Travers, a neighbor that Marty doesn’t like because he is unkind to animals. Where I first started reading, a stray beagle has followed Marty home while he was off walking up near the old Shiloh schoolhouse in the rural West Virginia town where his family lives. Marty believes that the dog has been abused by the way he acts when Marty tries to pet him. Even though his parents say they cannot afford any pets he really wished the dog could be his and he secretly names him Shiloh. When Marty’s dad comes home, he tells him the dog belongs to Judd Travers and they have to return him. At the end of the chapter Marty and his dad return the dog and Judd kicks it for running off. Marty knows he has to save Shiloh.

Rubric for Reading Response Homework

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| **The Basics** |
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| Title/Author/Minutes/Pages | 5 |  |
| Spelling Errors | 5 (1 pt. off for each up to 5) |  |
| Capitalization/Punctuation/Grammar Errors | 5 (1 pt. off for each up to 5) |  |
| **The Summary** |
| Introductory sentence with book title, author and time or pages read. | 5 |  |
| Sentence that introduces the characters and tells a little bit about them.  | 10 |  |
| 3-4 sentences that tell what you read about and where the story took place. Stick to important details. | 30 |  |
| Used at least one transition word or phrase. | 5 |  |
| Completed the question/activity at the bottom using **best** effort. | 20 |  |

**Sample Summary One**

Today I read The Tale of Despereaux by Kate diCamillo, for about 25 minutes. The characters in the chapters I read today included Cook, a tough woman who is very upset the princess is missing, Louise, the hardened housekeeper who almost seems happy that Mig is missing, and Despereaux who can only think about saving the princess. In the beginning, Cook is running around the castle’s kitchen crying because the princess is missing. She hates that there could be a world without the Princess and without soup. Despereaux, who was still sleeping after having his tail chopped off, wakes up and realizes he’s too late; Roscuro has already carried out his evil plan. Thinking of his love for the princess, however, and his dream of a happily ever after, Despereaux makes up his mind to rescue the princess.

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What do you predict will happen next? (Even if you finished the book!) What evidence from the text makes you think that is what will happen next? (More lines on the back.)

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Write a sentence directly from the book you were able to visualize. Draw a picture on the back. The page number this sentence was on is page\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Thinking about Perspective**

 Retell an event from the story from the point of view of a character from your story. How would that person’s point of view differ from another’s character’s perspective of the same event? (Lines on back)

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If you were the author, think about one thing you would have done differently in the story. Perhaps you didn’t like the way a character acted or you thought the ending should have been different.

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2. How would you have written it instead? (There are lines on the back.)

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**Character Traits**

Think about one of the characters you read about. What character traits did he/she have? Give at least **two** specific examples **from the text** of how the author showed that trait or traits to the reader. For example: I knew Lester felt guilty about what he has done to Despereaux because the author said he looked as if he had aged years in a few days and he begged for Despereaux’s forgiveness. I know that Despereaux’s mother was selfish and vain because when he was being sent to the dungeon, she was more worried about her make-up than her son. (Lines on back)

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While you are reading, make notes below about **at least two** connections you make while reading. They can be text/text, text/self or text to world.

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What do you think was the main idea, or the most important thing that happened during the time you were reading? How did you decide what was important?

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Using a separate sheet of paper or the computer, write an eight question quiz asking questions about any event, character, or setting you have read about so far. Your quiz should have five multiple choice questions and three open response questions. The open ended responses should begin with the words *Why, How or Explain*. After you have written the quiz, take it. Attach your completed quiz to this sheet.

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Pretend you are one of the characters in your book. Write a letter to another character in your story. In your letter, write about at least three events that have happened in the book so far. Ask any questions you would like to know the answer to. Remember to include a closing and your character’s name at the end. Attach more paper if needed.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

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Sample of a Well Written Letter

Pretend you are one of the characters in your book. Write a letter to another character in your story. In your letter, write about at least three events that have happened in the book so far. Ask at least two questions you would like the character to answer. Remember to include a closing and your character’s name at the end.

Dear Mrs. Jewls,

How are you? I wanted to tell you I love being in your class on the 30th floor of Wayside School. One of my favorite things was when the famous dancer, Mrs. Valoosh, came to teach us dancing in the school ballroom—you know the room where Louis, the yard teacher, stores the recess balls. Everyone was dancing “zee tan-go,” but we were really just running into each other and throwing each other around. I’m pretty sure Myron was sorry he missed that gym class. We can hardly wait until we do the next fun thing with you like through our computer out the window to learn about gravity or dress up funny for picture day.

There are a few things I have been wondering Mrs. Jewls. I’m curious, how many times have you sent Todd home on the kindergarten bus? Also, how many Tootsie Roll pops do you go through in a year? You are always handing them out when we are good, so it must be a lot. Anyway, thanks for being our teacher and I hope my brother way has you for the third grade.

 Your student,

 Bebe Gunn

Rubric for Letter Writing Reading Homework

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| Capitalization/Punctuation/Grammar Errors | 5 (1 pt. off for each up to 5) |  |
| **The Summary** |
| Greeting and closing | 5 |  |
| Characters are introduced and setting is given  | 10 |  |
| Give at least three details that describe what happened so far. | 30 |  |
| Used at least one transition word or phrase. | 5 |  |
| Ask two questions of the character. | 20 |  |

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