

Readers' Response Journal Rubric

(Created by the Grade 8 class of Lakeview School)

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Briefly retell or summarize what was read	Summary is too short or too long, weak in content and difficult to follow	Summary is adequate in length; content weak or difficult to follow	Summary is reasonable in length, content; may lack descriptive words and detail	Summary is clear, content is solid and easy to understand	Summary is very clear and precise; is informative and strong in content
Personal reactions to characters, plot and text	Gave a reaction, but no explanation; used simple words	Some reactions, but the explanation was weak; some words too simplistic	Reactions present, but didn't expand on reasons or give examples; word choice is average	Explained reactions supported by examples; word choice is adequate	Explained reactions in great detail using clear explanations and examples from the text
Made connections with the characters, plot or author	Made a connection, but no explanation was given; connection is irrelevant	Made some connections, but the content was weak; some connections irrelevant	Made some relevant connections, but support may be lacking in detail	Connections are relevant, and explored	Connections are relevant and are explained in great detail
Thoughts on author's style or voice in the writing	Made a reference to the author's writing, but explanation is weak	Made some reference to the author's writing; explanation may be lacking in support	Expressed opinions on the style or voice of the author's writing; support may be general	The author's writing is discussed, supported with adequate detail and explanation	The author's writing is discussed in great detail and supported through explanation
Make predictions of what is to come	Made an unrealistic prediction; no explanation given	Made some predictions, but they were poorly supported	Made some predictions that were realistic and support is attempted	Made realistic relevant predictions with adequate support and explanation	Made relevant, realistic predictions, which are explained and supported thoroughly
Reflect personally on the reading	Attempted to reflect, but didn't discuss in detail	Attempted to reflect, but explanation was weak in content	Some reflections made, support is attempted	Reflections are explained and supported	Reflections are thoroughly explained and supported