

Reading Response Journal Guidelines

The purpose of your HRL is to:

1. Capture your thinking as you read
2. Capture your thinking as you reflect on (think about) your reading
3. Evaluate your goal(s) and establish next steps (SMART goals)

Two times a week you will write a reading response letter. This letter will be written in a correct letter format and will contain:

First Paragraph:

Write a brief summary of what you read. Include the title and author of the book. The title needs to be underlined. Remember, a summary includes only the main ideas and is not a retell of everything that happened.

Second Paragraph:

Focus on the reading strategies you used and how they helped you as a reader. Give at least one direct example from the reading and tie it to a direct quote or part of the story. This paragraph is really important and shows your reading thinking!

Third Paragraph:

This paragraph is all about your goals as a reader. Reflect on your goal as a reader in this paragraph. Did you meet

your goal? What are your next steps? To earn a 4, be sure to talk about how this will help you as a reader.

Be sure and refer to (look at) the rubric so you are working at a “4 level.” Make a note to remind yourself of when your HRL is due.