

Reading Tasks

1. Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However, you choose to present your interview is up to you.
2. Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
3. Write a sales talk, pretending the students in the class are clerks in a bookstore and you want them to push this book.
4. Make several sketches of some of the scenes in the book and label them.
5. Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles.
6. Write a book review as it would be done for a newspaper. (Be sure you read a few before writing your own.)
7. Write a feature article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.
8. Write a letter (10-sentence minimum) to the main character of your book asking questions, protesting a situation, and/or making a complaint and/or a suggestion. This must be done in the correct letter format.
9. If the story of your book takes place in another country, prepare a travel brochure using pictures you have found or drawn.
10. Write a FULL (physical, emotional, relational) description of three of the characters in the book. Draw a portrait to accompany each description.
11. After reading a book of history or historical fiction, make an illustrated timeline showing events of the story and draw a map showing the location(s) where the story took place.
12. Compare the plot or characters of the book that you are reading with another book or character within a text.
13. Write an essay comparing the movie version with the book.
14. Create a mini-comic book relating a chapter of the book.
15. Write an original song that tells the story of the book.
16. Be a TV or radio reporter, and write a script report of a scene from the book as if it is happening "live".
17. Design a book cover for the book. I STRONGLY suggest that you look at an actual book cover before you attempt this.
18. Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be relevant to the story.
19. Write about what you learned from the story.
20. Write a different ending for your story. Explain your choice of resolution and how you want your reader to feel or learn as a result.
21. Write a different beginning for your story. Explain your choice of language or point of view.
22. Compare and contrast two characters in the story.
23. Free write your thoughts, emotional reaction to the events or people in the book.
24. Make a flow chart of all the events in the book.
25. Make a message board of the characters' thoughts or reactions.
26. Complete a character mapping, showing how characters reacted to events and changed.
27. Make a character tree, where one side is event, symmetrical side is emotion or growth.
28. Choose a quote from a character. Write why it would or wouldn't be a good motto by which to live your life
29. Learn something about the environment in which the book takes place.
30. Retell part of the story from a different point of view
31. Choose one part of the story that reached a climax. If something different had happened then, how would it have affected the outcome?
32. Create a 'if you like this book you should read...' list for your book.