

Writing READING RESPONSES

Use the following to help you write thorough and thoughtful reading responses.

Step 1: What did you read?

While reading _____.

In chapter ___ of _____.

On page ___ of _____.

During today's reading of _____.

Step 2: What happened in the text?

Tell what a character said.

Tell what a character thought or felt.

Tell what a character did.

Describe an important event that occurred.

Describe the setting.

Explain a problem that was encountered.

Step 3: What did you think?

This made me think...

This reminded me of...

This made me realize...

I can relate to this because...

Based on this, I can infer...

I could visualize...

Based on this, I predict...

I now understand...

For a more thoughtful response, try to combine 2 or more.

Example:

During today's reading of Because of Winn Dixie, Opal learned why Amanda Wilkinson acts the way she does. She learned that Amanda's little brother died in a drowning accident. This made me realize that you should never judge anyone without getting know them first. Based on this, I predict that Opal will now try to befriend Amanda. I think she realizes that Amanda is just as lonely as she was before she found Winn Dixie.