



Reader's Notebook



When you write in your reader's notebook, do your best work and do your best thinking. Here are some examples of what you may write about:

- ✓ Tell what you like or dislike about the book and why
- ✓ Tell about parts of your books that puzzled you or made you ask questions
- ✓ Tell what you noticed about the characters, such as what made them act as they did or how they changed
- ✓ Write about something in the book that surprised you or that you found interesting
- ✓ Write your predictions and about whether your predictions were right
- ✓ Tell about a connection you had while reading the book. Tell how it reminds you of yourself, of people you know, or of something that happened in your life. It might remind you of other books, especially the characters, the events or the setting.
- ✓ Write about the author's style and how it makes you feel.
- ✓ Write about the language the author used and why you think the author writes this way
- ✓ Write about the author's craft – what was effective about the way the author wrote
- ✓ Tell how the book reminds you of another book
- ✓ Tell how the book makes you feel
- ✓ Whether or not you would recommend the book and why
- ✓ Write about the author's message
- ✓ Write about how the setting affects the characters
- ✓ Write about how the author captured your interest
- ✓ Write about questions you would ask the author and why
- ✓ Write about which character you would like to meet and what you would talk about
- ✓ If you were the author, would you have ended the story the same way or would you have ended it differently? How would it end and why?
- ✓ Would you like to be one of the characters, which one and why? Is there something about the character you'd want to change?
- ✓ Write about any questions the book leaves you with. Would you like to direct the questions to one of the characters or the author?