

Reading Response and Writing Prompts

Fiction

Use these prompts for group or class discussion, as well as for individual writing assignments. Encourage students to use details from the books to support their ideas and interpretations.

- Compare two characters in a book or books you have read. How are they alike or different? Explain.
- Predict what you think will happen to the main character after the ending. What are the clues and what do they suggest?
- What is the conflict? How is it resolved? Explain and give evidence.
- If you could change one thing about the book, what would it be? Why? How would it affect the rest of the book, including plot, setting, and characters?
- How would the story be different if it had a different setting? Choose a new setting and think about the changes that would result.
- What advice would you like to give one of the characters? Why?
- How would you describe the author's writing style and point of view? Give evidence from the book to support your answer.
- If you could use only five words to describe the book to a friend, what words would you choose? Now back up each word with a paragraph that explains why you chose it.
- Compare two books that have similar themes. How are the books alike and different?
- What did you learn from the main character of the book?
- Which character did you like the best? Which character did you like the least? Why?
- What was your favorite part of the story and why?

