

Reading Response and Writing Prompts

Nonfiction

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.

- What are three important pieces of information you learned?
Why are they important?
- What new information surprised or interested you? Why?
- How did this book change or influence your point of view about this topic?
- Did the author give his or her opinions or stick to the facts? How do you know?
Give evidence, using passages from the text.
- Did the book include any illustrations? If so, what kind of information did they provide?
Why do you think the author included them? Draw your own illustrations to explain something you learned.
- Did this book make you want to find out more information about any new topics?
If so, where might you look? What are the topics, and why do they interest you?
- Why do you think the author wanted to write about this topic? List a few reasons and explain. What other topics would you like the author to write about?
- Imagine that you are preparing a presentation on the topic you just read about.
What information will you provide your audience with so they will understand the topic?
How will you present your information? Prepare a report. It can include text, images, video, or audio support.
- Choose one passage to read aloud that represents the book.
Explain why you chose this selection.

