



Reading Is Fundamental

Fall for Reading

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



<p>REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS What event in the story can you connect to your life? Write a <i>paragraph</i> explaining the <i>connection</i>. Use your words to help your reader "see" what you write.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>JUST THE TWO OF US Which <i>character</i> would you want to spend the day with? Why? In a <i>diary</i> entry, write about the day you spent with your friend, the character. Note: the character may be human or not.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>PLAY LIKE . . . Pretend that you are a character from your book. Write a short <i>autobiography</i> about yourself. Use your imagination to add details.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>A LITTLE HELP FROM THE TEXT List any text <i>features</i> that helped you <i>deepen your understanding</i>. Why are text features important? How do they work to help a reader know what is important?</p> <p>STORY _____</p>
<p>JUST THE FACTS Write a <i>paragraph summarizing</i> what happened in the story. Remember, summaries don't include how you <i>FEEL</i> about the story, just what happened.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>CHARACTER CONVERSATION Imagine that two characters from your story are having a conversation about an event that happened. Write out the dialogue between the two. Include what they think and how they feel.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>STEALING THE SCENE You and your best friend are now characters in your book. Write a scene that includes the two of you. What will you do? How will you interact with the other characters?</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>AND THE AWARD GOES TO . . . Pick a book that deserves an award! Write a letter to the author and give 2 - 3 reasons the book deserves the award. Mail the letter to the <i>publisher</i>!</p> <p>STORY _____</p>
<p>HOME SWEET HOME How is the setting of your book the same or different from where you live? Create a <i>Venn diagram</i> to compare the two. Explain how your home is similar or different.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>MAP IT! Think about the setting of your book. What were the important places? Where does the action take place? Draw a map of the setting. Be sure to label the places that were important to your story.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>A PICTURE'S WORTH 1000 WORDS Design a poster or <i>brochure</i> that would <i>persuade</i> your reader to visit the setting of the story.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>IF YOU ASK ME . . . From the story, think of a <i>situation</i> in which you would NOT have done what the <i>character</i> did. What would have done? Why?</p> <p>STORY _____</p>
<p>THE CIRCLE GAME Use a <i>Venn diagram</i> to compare characters or events from your book. How are they alike? How are they different?</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>MY FAVORITE: Create a poem about your favorite character, which may be human or not. Include at least five facts and details. Try to "<i>paint a picture</i>" with your words!</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>WORD FOR WORD List 5 new <i>vocabulary</i> words. For each word, draw a picture or make a collage; write the word in a sentence; glue or write the sentence on the picture. Hang artwork around the room in alpha order or by <i>topic</i>.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>TWO PEAS IN A POD! Choose a <i>character</i> from the story who is just like you. List all the ways, from looks, to dress, to where you live, to how you act . . .</p> <p>STORY _____</p>
<p>NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE? Conduct an <i>interview</i> with the main character of your book. Ask at least 5 questions. Write your questions and the character's "answers."</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>COVER IT Design a new book cover for your story. On the front include the title and story. On the back, write a short summary of the story. Include a quotation from you about why you liked the book. (Be sure to use <i>quotation</i> marks!)</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>MORE THAN ONE WAY TO TELL A TALE Create a comic strip that <i>summarizes</i> the events from your book.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>	<p>CHANGE IT AROUND Figure out what would be interesting changes to the story. Write a new <i>introduction</i> or a new <i>conclusion</i>.</p> <p>STORY _____</p>