

Reading Log Guidelines

- **You must hand in one reading log a week; it can be handed in at any time during the week, but it must be handed in by the beginning of class on Friday. These will be counted as a homework grade.**
- **You may select a book (nook or kindle) of your choice as long as it is age appropriate and the content is permissible. It is your responsibility to get the book, whether it is from home, the library, the bookstore, etc. When the chance arises, I will allow students class time to go to the school library and pick up a book.**
- **Magazines, reference books, online books, or newspapers can't be used for your reading logs.**
- **Every time you go on to a new book, make sure you bring it in to me, so I can approve it. Try to vary your selections.**
- **You may not turn in a reading log more than a week in advance.**
- **You must read a minimum of 50 pages a week. If you want to read more than 50, that's fine, but 50 is the minimum. This only averages out to 10 pages a day, and remember that we will have a lot of free reading time in class and homeroom.**
- **The reading logs should consist of a well written/typed 10 sentence summary and reflection of what you read. How well you write will be factored into your grade, so don't get lazy or sloppy with your spelling, punctuation, grammar, usage, etc..**
- **A *summary (at least 5 sentences)* is a brief description of what you read, and a *reflection (at least 5 sentences)* is your thoughts or feelings about what you read or how it relates to you.**
- **Make your hand writing as legible as possible; if you choose to type, this won't be an issue.**
- **If you plagiarize, you will get a 0, a phone call home, and you will no longer be allowed to type your reading logs.**
- **In addition to your summaries, you will list any new vocabulary words you encountered in your weekly reading. There should always be at least a few words on this list. All you have to do is list the words. These words will be put in your personal dictionaries.**
- **Reading logs can be handed in to me directly or emailed to me.**

Reading Log Reminders

- Give me about 5 good sentences for each section.
- Always give specifics from the book.
- Don't get lazy with grammar.
- List your vocab words at the end.
- It can be written or typed.

ideas for reflection (your thoughts)...

What did I think about this?

Did I like this?

Does this relate to me and my life?

Give a prediction.

Did it remind me of something?

What would I do in this situation?

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bad summary...

This part was about the 1960s and 1970s in Atlantic City. Atlantic City had lots of problems. Then they got casinos.

good summary...

In the 60s and 70s, Atlantic City was on a steady decline. Many people were out of work, the crime rate was higher, buildings were falling apart, and the amount of tourists visiting dropped. To help improve the city's chances for success, a group of business men started a campaign to legalize gambling. After a few failed attempts, the hard work of the business men finally paid off, and gambling was legalized in Atlantic City in 1976. The first casino to open was the Resorts, which was a major success. This started a trend of wealthy developers opening profitable casinos in town.

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bad reflection...

This part was interesting. I really liked it. Atlantic City is a fun place.

good reflection...

It's a shame because even though Atlantic City was successful for years after gambling was legalized, it has fallen on hard times again. I remember when I was young, it seemed like the boardwalk and casinos in Atlantic City were always crowded and full of energy. Now it seems like Atlantic City has lost its luster again, like the early 70s. Maybe if sports gambling is legalized, Atlantic City will make another comeback. But, it will be difficult because there is a lot more competition due to all the casinos in the Philadelphia area.