

Journal Response Forms

Diary Entries—Choose an incident or event from your story that might cause one of the characters to respond in a journal. Taking the role of the character, explain what happened and how you felt about it. You might want to create journal entries for more than one day in your character's life.

Cause/Effect Explanation—Find a place in your book where something happened as a result of an action taken by a character or by an event that occurred. On one side of your paper, illustrate what you see as the cause. Write a brief explanation underneath. On the other side, illustrate the result and write your explanation.

Letters—Write a letter to a friend, to your literature circle group, to a character in your book, or to the author. Share your thoughts, questions, and feelings about the book so far.

Character Web—Draw a portrait of your selected character in the middle of your journal page. List three to five traits that describe that character; write these around the character's portrait. (Adaptation: Now find a specific passage from your book to support each trait. Copy that passage next to the trait. Be sure to list the page number.)

Sketching and Drawing—Use shape, design, image, and color to represent what you feel about your book. You might want to recreate a significant scene, depict how a character is feeling, capture the mood or tone of the events in this chapter, illustrate the conflict, or portray your feelings about this book at this point in your reading.