

## Response Journal Guidelines

The purpose of your reading response journal is to

- capture your thinking as you read
- capture your thinking as you reflect on your reading
- evaluate goal and establish next steps

Referring to the rubric, write in friendly letter format.

**First Paragraph:** Write a brief summary of what you have read. Include the title of the book. Remember, a summary includes only the MAIN IDEAS, and is not a RETELL of everything that happened.

**Second Paragraph:** Focus on the reading strategies you used and how they helped you as a reader. Give at least two direct examples from the reading and tie them to direct quotes from the text. This paragraph is really important and shows your READING THINKING!!

**Third Paragraph:** Reflect on your goal as a reader in this paragraph. Did you meet your goal? What are your next steps? To earn a 4, be sure and talk about how this goal will help you as a reader.

Again, be sure and refer to the rubric so you are working at a 4 level. Make yourself a note to remind yourself of when your personal response journal is due!