

6th Grade Reading Journal

Reading is an active process. When you are reading actively, you imagine what is happening in the story and you derive meaning from the picture you are seeing. In your reading journal you need to record the following active-reading strategies that you used while reading. **All five must appear in one paragraph.**

QUESTION: What questions come to mind as you are reading? For example, why do characters act as they do? What causes an event to happen? Why does the writer include certain information? Look for answers as you read on and record ones that you find. **Write** your questions down.

VISUALIZE: Use details from the story to create a picture in your mind. As you read change the picture as the story unfolds and your understanding grows. **Record** in your journal what you think something looks like. Be sure to use adjectives that **describe** the picture that you see.

PREDICT: What do you think will happen? Look for hints in the story that seem to lead to a certain outcome. **Write** your prediction down. **Support** your prediction with clues from the story.

CONNECT: Bring your own experience and knowledge to the story. Make connections with what you know about similar situations or people in your life. Make connections between events in the book and try to summarize how all the pieces of the story fit together **or** make a connection between other books or movies and explain how they are alike. **Record** these these observations.

RESPOND: Think about what the story means. Explain what the story said to you, how it made you feel, or what it added to your understanding of people and events. **Record** your ideas.