

# Independent Reading Journal

## Reading Assignment

PDF & Digital Formats



**2 Peas and a Dog**  
Middle School Teaching Resources

# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Teacher Instructions
- Reading Journal Assignment
- Recommended Reading Lists
- 7 Tracking Forms
  - ✓ Independent Reading Checklists
  - ✓ Book Log
  - ✓ Must Read List
  - ✓ Reading Goals
  - ✓ Reading Conferences Tracking Sheet
  - ✓ Reading Conferences Questions
  - ✓ Reading Check In Sheet

# EXAMPLE PAGES

Genre Book Sort	
Realistic Fiction	Historical Fiction
Graphic Novels	Mystery Fiction

## Reading Journal

Your reading journal is a place for you to communicate your thoughts, feelings and questions about something you are currently reading, or something you have just finished reading.

**Your Task:** Each week select one journal prompt from the list, and write one good quality reading journal entry.

A good journal entry begins with a brief summary (2-3 sentences) explaining what you have been reading. After the summary, then start a new paragraph and answer one of the writing prompts. *You do not need to be finished a novel to write a journal entry.*

**Journal Entry Format**

September 5, 2019

Dear {Insert Teacher Name},

I have been reading {insert book title} by {insert book author}. This book is about {insert brief book summary}.

Today I want to discuss {explain the question you are going to answer}. {Answer the question}.

Until next week,

{Insert Student Name}

© <http://www.2peasandadog.com>

Suggested Reading	
REALISTIC FICTION NOVELS	HISTORICAL FICTION NOVELS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis</li> <li>• Hatchet by Gary Paulsen</li> <li>• Wonder by R.J. Palacio</li> <li>• Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullyaly Hunt</li> <li>• Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick</li> <li>• Peak by Roland Smith</li> <li>• Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli</li> <li>• Schooled by Gordon Korman</li> <li>• Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson</li> <li>• Egghead by Caroline Pignat</li> <li>• Tangerine by Edward Bloor</li> <li>• Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick</li> <li>• Counting By 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan</li> <li>• Monster by Walter Dean Myers</li> <li>• The Fault in our Stars by John Green</li> <li>• The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashers</li> <li>• Holes by Louis Sachar</li> <li>• Track Series by Jason Reynolds</li> <li>• Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullyaly Hunt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko</li> <li>• Number the Stars by Lois Lowry</li> <li>• The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt</li> <li>• The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis</li> <li>• Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne</li> <li>• A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park</li> <li>• Refugee by Alan Grafz</li> <li>• The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton</li> <li>• Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen</li> <li>• Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys</li> <li>• The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank</li> <li>• The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</li> <li>• The Book Thief by Markus Zusak</li> <li>• The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen</li> </ul>
SCIENCE FICTION NOVELS	FANTASY FICTION NOVELS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matched Trilogy</li> <li>• Delirium Trilogy</li> <li>• Legend Trilogy</li> <li>• Hunger Games Trilogy</li> <li>• Divergent Trilogy</li> <li>• The Giver Series</li> <li>• The Uglies Series</li> <li>• The Maze Runner</li> <li>• The Selection Series</li> <li>• Among The Hidden Series</li> <li>• City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau</li> <li>• Rule of 3 by Eric Walters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dead Is Series by Marlene Perez</li> <li>• I Am Number Four Series</li> <li>• The Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare</li> <li>• Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan</li> <li>• Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan</li> <li>• The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini</li> <li>• The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan</li> <li>• The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman</li> <li>• The Giver by Lois Lowry</li> </ul>

© <http://www.2peasandadog.com>

# Genre Book Sort

**Realistic Fiction**

**Historical Fiction**

**Graphic Novels**

**Mystery Fiction**

**PREVIEW**

# Reading Journal

Your reading journal is a place for you to communicate your thoughts, feelings and questions about something you are currently reading, or something you have just finished reading.

**Your Task:** Each week select one journal prompt from the list, and write one good quality reading journal entry.

A good journal entry begins with a brief summary (3 sentences) explaining what you have been reading. After the summary, then start a new paragraph and answer one of the writing prompts. *You do not need to be provided a model to write a journal entry.*

Journal Entry Format

September 5, 2019

Dear {insert Teacher Name},

I have been reading {insert book title} by {insert book author}. This book is about {insert brief book summary}.

Today I want to discuss {explain the question you are going to answer}. {Answer the question}.

Until next week,

{Insert Student Name}

# Suggested Reading

## REALISTIC FICTION NOVELS

- The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Wonder by R.J Palacio
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Peak by Roland Smith
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Schooled by Gordon Korman
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
- Egghead by Caroline Pignat
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
- Counting By 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- The Fault in our Stars by John Green
- The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Track Series by Gordon Korman
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

## HISTORICAL FICTION NOVELS

- Al Capone Does My Shirts by Jennifer Choldenko
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
- Refugee by Alan Smitz
- The Boy Who Swam to New York by Hilary McKay
- Pippi Longstocking by Wendelin Van Draanen
- The Boy Who Swam to New York by Hilary McKay
- The Boy Who Swam to New York by Hilary McKay
- The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
- The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

## SCIENCE FICTION NOVELS

- M. Night Shyamalan Trilogy
- Divergent Trilogy
- Legend Trilogy
- Hunger Games Trilogy
- Divergent Trilogy
- The Giver Series
- The Uglies Series
- The Maze Runner
- The Selection Series
- Among The Hidden Series
- City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Rule of 3 by Eric Walters

## FANTASY FICTION NOVELS

- Dead Is Series by Marlene Perez
- I Am Number Four Series
- The Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
- Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan
- The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini
- The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- The Giver by Lois Lowry

# Reading Goals

Month	Reading Goal	Examples e.g. Read x pages every night e.g. Finish 2 books this month
September	Goal:	
	Reflection:	
October	Goal:	
	Reflection:	
November	Goal:	
	Reflection:	
December	Goal:	
	Reflection:	

**PREVIEW**