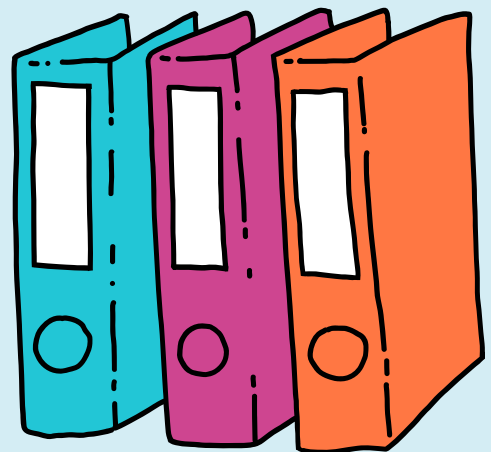
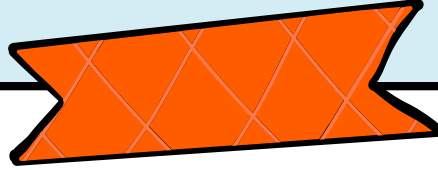


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Reading Journal





Welcome to your Reading Journal!

Reading isn't just about finishing pages — it's about exploring new worlds, learning, and growing as a reader. This journal is your space to reflect on what you read, track your progress, and celebrate your achievements.

Before you get started, set a goal for yourself. How many minutes/pages/books will you read?

My reading goal:

**Today's readers
become
tomorrow's leaders.**

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Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

What do you think of the book so far?

So far, I think the book is....



**“People don’t realize how a whole life can be
changed by just one book.”**

~ Malcolm X

Date:

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What was the main idea of this story? How would you summarize the book?

The main idea of this story is...



“I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.”

~ J.K. Rowling

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Share one new vocabulary word you learned while reading. Try to use it in a sentence.



“Reading should not be presented as a chore or duty. It should be offered as a gift.”

~ Kate Dicamillo

Date:

Book:

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My favorite character from the book is...
I connected with them because...

——— ” ” ———
“We read to know that we are not alone.”
~ C.S. Lewis

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Draw a different cover for this book.

“In a time when book banning is back in vogue, libraries remind us that truth isn’t about who yells the loudest, but who has the right information.”

~ Barack Obama



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Book:

Minutes Read:

If you could ask the author one question about the book, what would it be and why?

One question I would ask the author is...



“Sometimes, you read a book and it fills you with this weird evangelical zeal, and you become convinced that the shattered world will never be put back together unless and until all living humans read the book.”

~ John Green

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

If you were the main character, what would you do differently?

If I were the main character, I would



“Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.”
~ Lemony Snicket

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

**Share one lesson you learned from this book.
How will you take this lesson with you?**

One lesson from this book I learned was...



**“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more
that you learn, the more places you will go.”**

~ Dr. Seuss

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

**What was your least favorite part of the book?
Why?**

My least favorite part of the book was...



“The world was a terrible place, cruel, pitiless, dark as a bad dream. Not a good place to live. Only in books could you find pity, comfort, happiness -- and love. Books loved anyone who opened them, they gave you security and friendship and didn't ask anything in return; they never went away, never, not even when you treated them badly.”

~ Cornelia Funke



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Minutes Read:

How did you feeling reading this story?



“When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young.”

~ Maya Angelou

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

The most exciting part of the book was....



“Write the kind of story you would like to read.”
~ Meg Cabot

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

**What was your favorite chapter of the book? Why?
Draw a plot diagram and highlight that part.**



**“Writing is like any other sport. In order for you to get
better at it, you have to exercise the muscle.”**

~ Jason Reynolds

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Would you change anything about this story?

I would change...

“Reading is not optional.”
~ Walter Dean Myers

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

What is something new that you learned from this book?

I learned that...



“There is something about that moment, when literature becomes accessible, and a door of the world opens.”
~ Lois Lowry

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read

I am still curious about...

————— “But on paper, things can live forever.” —————
~ Jacqueline Woodson

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

**Were you surprised by the ending of the book?
Why or why not?**



**“I think people should read fairytales, because we’re
hungry for a mythology that will speak to our fears.”
~ Sandra Cisneros**

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Draw your favorite scene of the story.

“As soon as I got into the library I closed my eyes and took a deep breath. I got a whiff of the leather on all the old books, a smell that got real strong if you picked one of them up and stuck your nose real close to it when you turned the pages. Then there was the the smell of the cloth that covered the brand-new books, books that made a splitting sound when you opened them. Then I could sniff the the paper, that soft, powdery, drowsy smell that comes off the page in little puffs when you’re reading something or looking at some pictures, kind of hypnotizing smell.”

~ Christopher Paul Curtis

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

**Would you recommend this book to a friend?
Why or why not?**

I would/would not recommend this book...



“I love historical fiction because there’s literal truth and there’s emotional truth and what the fiction writer tries to create is the emotional truth.”

~ Jewell Parker Rhodes



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Book:

Minutes Read:

**What was one quote that stuck out to you?
Share why.**

One quote that stuck out to me was...

“Life was a too-tall stack of books that had started to lean to one side, and each new day was another book on top.”
~ Rebecca Stead

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Write one or two questions for the author.

“Some books are so familiar that reading them is
like being home again.”

~ Louisa May Alcott

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Would you make this book into a movie or TV show? Who would you cast?

I would make this book into a....

————— “Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else’s shoes for a while.” —————
~ Malorie Blackman

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

The most challenging part of reading this book was ...

“Books are fun, Nicholas, he says, they're like amusement parks for readers. Yeah, well, maybe they would be fun if I got to pick the rides sometimes, you answer.”

~ Kwame Alexander

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

How would you describe the author's writing style?

————— ” ” —————
“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”
~ Ernest Hemingway

Date:

Book:

Minutes Read:

Does this story remind you of any other books you have read before? What connections can you make?

This book reminds me of...

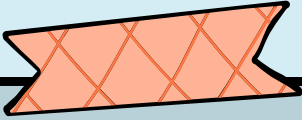
“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.”

~Anna Quindlen

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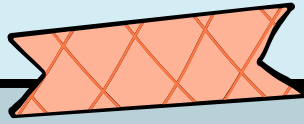
Setting

**How would the story change if it took place
in a different setting?**

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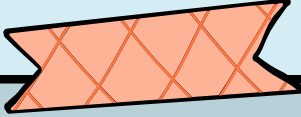
Plot

How is the story's conflict resolved?

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Theme

What lesson does the author want you to learn?



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