

Response Journal¹

Type of Response	Definition	Example
Narrative (Literal)	A retelling of the plot; naming of main characters	The story is about a farm family and a drought. Drylongso comes to Lindy's house and teaches Lindy's father how to plant crops.
Personal (Associative)	Statements about how the student felt while reading; statements about characters, events, etc.	I like Lindy because she is funny. Mamalou is always making food, so she reminds me of my grandma. Little John gets on my nerves just like my own little brother.
Prescriptive	Student's ideas about what characters "should" have done, or about what the student would have done in a character's circumstance	I think Drylongso should have stayed with Lindy's family. If I was Lindy, I would have followed Drylongso.
Interpretive	Predictions; inferences; relating the story to something else; expressing the theme, symbolism, etc.	The story is suspenseful because it is so realistic. The message of respecting and preserving nature is obvious by the end.

¹ Teaching Genre. Scholastic Professional Books, 58.

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