Fiction Response Ideas:

1. Write about your favorite part of the book and why it was important to the story.
2. Describe an interesting character in your book.
3. Write your predictions about the story and tell whether or not they were right.
4. Retell the ending of the story and write your feeling about it.
5. Compare two characters in the book. Tell how they are alike and how they are different.
6. Compare the character in the book to a character in another book you have read.
7. Compare yourself to a character in the book. How are you alike and different?
8. Make a list of questions you have after reading book.
9. The part of the book chapter that surprised me was when...
10. The lesson I learned from the story was...
11. How do you feel about this story? Would you recommend it to someone else? Why or Why not?
12. How does the main character change over the course of the story?
13. The setting of the story is _______________________. I know this because ________________.
14. If you could give the main character in your book some advice, what would you tell him or her?
15. What did the author of the book want you to know or learn?
16. Is there a problem in your story? What is it? How was it solved?
17. Think about the setting. If you were in the setting, what are some things you would see?
18. Describe an important event from your story and tell why it is important.
19. Think of a new title for your book. Why do you think this is a good title?
20. Think of another book you have read. In what ways is this book and that other book the same?
21. Summarize the chapter that you read. What were the most important events? Did you learn anything new about the characters?
22. What is the theme? Tell your thoughts or feelings about the theme.
23. Describe the author’s craft: What was good about the author’s writing? What things might you try to do in your own writing that you learned from this author?
24. Describe what you would change about the book if you could rewrite it.
25. If you could give the main character of your book a gift that he or she would really appreciate, what would you give? Why?

Non Fiction Ideas:

26. What is the main idea of the non-fiction selection that you read? How do you know?
27. What are three interesting facts you learned by reading the selection you read?
28. Why did the author write this selection?
29. Do you agree or disagree with the author on this topic?
30. What did you learn by reading this book?
31. What information surprised you?
32. How can you use this information in your own life?
33. How does what you learned compare to what you thought you knew about the topic?
34. What do you still wonder about this topic? Where could you look to find out more?
35. Describe the text structure (cause/effect, compare/contrast, sequence of events) the author used in this book.