

Suggestions for Linger Longer Responses



Fiction Response Ideas:

- Write about your favorite part of the book and why it was important to the story.
- Explore how the main character changed throughout the story.
- Write about something that surprised you or that you found interesting.
- Describe an interesting or important character in your book.
- Describe parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
- Write about an important lesson that was learned in the story.
- What is the theme? Tell your thoughts or feelings about the theme of the story.
- Write your predictions about the story and tell whether or not they were right.
- Explain how the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that has happened in your life (Text-Self Connections).
- Explain how the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting (Text-Text Connections).
- Describe how this book is like other books by the same author, on the same topic, or in the same genre.
- 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?
- Would you recommend the book to another reader? Explain who and why.
- Describe what you would change about the book if you could rewrite it.
- Describe in details the setting of your book and how it fits into the story.
- Write a letter to a character in the book or a letter from one character to another.
- Write a diary entry in the voice of a character in your book.
- Compare two characters in the book. Describe their similarities and differences.
- Compare yourself to a character in the book. How are you alike and different?

Non Fiction Linger Longer Response Ideas

- What did you learn by reading this book?
- What information surprised you?
- What is the most interesting or useful information you read?
- How does what you learned compare to what you thought you knew about this topic?
- What techniques does the author use to make the information easy to understand?
- Compare and contrast this book to another book you've read on this topic.
- Explain a cause/effect relationship in the book.
- Describe something the author compared and contrasted in the book.
- Describe a sequence of events that occurred in the book.
- What do you still wonder about this topic? Where could you look to find out more?
- Would you recommend the book to another reader? Explain who and why.
- Write your predictions about this book and tell whether or not they were right.