**Independent Reading Response – Major Grade**

**Due Date:** **Tuesday, October 13th**

**Directions:** **Respond to any FIVE of the following prompts for the same book. Make sure to include the title and author of the book before the first entry.**

**Grading: Entries are worth 20 points each. All entries should be:**

* **properly titled with the prompt #**
* **thoughtful**
* **written in complete sentences**
* **at least 150 words**

**Fiction Prompts:**

1. Record what happened as you read the text- What did you remember, think, question, or feel?
2. Describe the historical and cultural setting of your book. Is this a time/place that you would enjoy living in? Why or why not?
3. Describe the main character. You could include information about appearance, likes/dislikes, background, talents, goals, etc.
4. What real-life people or events are you reminded of by characters or events in the story? Explain why.
5. Pick one character and explain why you would/would not like to have him/her as a friend.
6. From what you've read so far, make predictions about what will happen next and explain what in the text makes you think it will happen.
7. Become one of the characters and write a letter to another character in the text. Be sure to include references to what is currently happening in the story.
8. Compose a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters. Be sure to include references to conflict, the character’s actions/words, other characters, themes, et cetera.
9. Explain a character's problem and then offer your character advice on how to solve his/her problem.
10. Pick a scene in which you disagreed how a character handled a situation and rewrite it in the way you think it should have happened.
11. What quality of which character strikes you as a good characteristic to develop within yourself over the years? Why? How does the character demonstrate this quality?
12. Copy an interesting passage and explain why you chose it. What devices (imagery, figurative language, etc.) did the author use to make an impact on you as the reader?
13. Which character changes the most over the course of the novel? Explain how she/he changes and identify what causes the change.
14. Did you like how the story/novel ended? Explain why and discuss what you might have done differently.
15. If you could interview the author, what questions would you ask him/her? Explain your reasoning.

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**Non-fiction Prompts:**

16. What topic are you going to read about? What do you already know about the topic?

17. Write about the most interesting thing you learned from today’s reading. What surprised you?  
18. Write a summary of what you read in your book today.

19. Write about the author. What other pieces has the author written? Is he/she one of your favorite authors, and if so, why?   
20. What ideas might you have for turning this work of nonfiction into a work of fiction? Give a brief summary of what your story might be like.   
21. Explain the basic information that is being presented in terms of the 5W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?

22. As you read today, were any questions that you had answered? List the questions that you had and the answers that you came up with from the reading.

23. What are some new words you noticed in this selection? Explain what the words mean and how they are used.

24. Recreate a drawing or illustration from the book and explain why this picture is important.

25. Why is this topic important to you, or anyone else?