



Grade 4

Independent Reading Log

Nonfiction Questions



Directions: Now that you have completed your independent reading for the day, choose one question to respond to in writing on your reading log. Please be sure to choose a question that matches the genre of the text you are reading. Your log must include the date of your entry, title of book, name of author, number of pages read, genre, and question #.

Nonfiction Extended Thinking Questions

1. What *background knowledge* would be helpful prior to reading the text? Why?
2. What was the *author's purpose* in writing this text? Use information, facts, or examples as evidence from the text to support your thinking.
3. Write down a quote from the text that really stood out to you. Explain the importance of that quote to the text and what it means to you.
4. What writing technique(s) does the author use to appeal to the reader?
5. In the section of the text you read, what type of argument or evidence does the author use to support his/her central idea? Are the arguments/evidence effective to you, as a reader?
6. What is the main idea of the passage? Use two details and/or examples from the passage to tell why you believe this to be the main idea.
7. Write down an unfamiliar word from the text. What do you think it means as it was used in the text? How do you know?
8. What is a topic in your book that you would like to learn more about? What is your plan to find out that information?
9. Find one text feature that was helpful and explain how it helped you understand the text better.
10. What is one conclusion you can draw from your reading? Use evidence from the text to support your thinking.

