

Independent Reading Log

Name:

Due Date: September 25, 2009

Choose a work of either fiction or nonfiction. Please check with the teacher to ensure that it is acceptable. This must be done prior to completing the following assignment.

Assignment:

At the top of your page, please put your name, the date, the title of the book (underlined of course), and the author's name. Choose **three** of the following options and complete both by the due date.

1. Literary Luminary – copy a quotation from the book (include the page number) and explain its significance for you. In other words, why is the quote important to you? What does it tell about the book?
2. Poet – write a poem that illustrates or describes something significant about the book.
3. Sage – write down three questions that will help you better understand the book. These should not be “fact” questions (What is the main character's name?), but instead should be “thinking” questions (Why is the main character afraid of the dark? Will he ever get over his fear?). Provide an answer to each question.
4. Artist – create a symbolic representation of something significant in the book (do more than draw a picture of the main character's house; create an image that shows insight into the ideas of the book). Be prepared to discuss your picture.
5. Weaver – write a substantial paragraph or two explaining how this book connects to other stories or books you know. These may be books from class or ones you know from other places.
6. Critic – review the book. Give your opinions about it, citing examples from the book to support what you are saying. Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?