**Independent Reading Notebook**

**Overview**

**o** Each day for homework, you will need to read for a minimum of 30 minutes.

o When you are done reading you will need to write a response.

o Remember to include a header for each response. (See below)

o Use the Response Starters below to guide your writing.

o Throughout the novel, use a variety of Response Starters. Don’t get stuck

writing the same thing each night.

o Responses should thoroughly express your ideas about and understanding of

the book you are reading.

o Your Independent Reading Notebook will be used toward your final Reading

Grade each quarter.

**Header**

*Each Journal Entry should include the following above your actual response:*

Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pages Read:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Example:*

*Where the Red Fern Grows Pages 23-48 September 5, 2011*

**Response Starters**

**Starting a New Book:**

o I chose this book because…

o So far, this book started off… I think I will enjoy it because… or I am not sure

how I will like it because..

**Title/Cover:**

o \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ title for this book because...

o A better title for this book would have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This would be a

much better title because…

o The cover of the book includes… In the book the images represent…

**Plot:**

o A conflict (problem) from today’s reading was… It was resolved by… or I think it

will be resolved by…

o When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happened, it caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to happen.

o In today’s reading the following important events occurred…Characters:

o The character, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, possesses the following character trait(s).

Some examples from the story that support this include…

o The character, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

proving that he/she possesses the following character trait \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

o I can relate to the character, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

o \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite character in this book because…

o \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is my least favorite character in this book because…

**My Reaction:**

**o** The events from today’s reading remind me of a time when I…

o I am confused about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

o While I was reading today, the book made me think of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is

interesting because…

o As I was reading today, I felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I think this was because…

Predictions:

o After today’s reading, I predict that…

o I had predicted that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What happened was…

**Compare and Contrast:**

o The story I am reading is similar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

o The story I am reading is very different from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

o The characters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are similar because…

o The characters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are different because…

**Setting/tone**

**o** As I was reading, I noticed that this story is taking place in/at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This is important to the story because… Otherwise,…

o The tone of this book right now is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some words that the author uses

to show this are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Imagery and Figurative Language:**

**o** During today’s reading, I found the following 5 strong verbs…

o During today’s reading, I found the following 5 descriptive adjectives…

o My favorite line from today’s reading was “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

o I found the following example of a metaphor: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

o I found the following example of a simile: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**Finishing a Book:**

oI thought the ending of this book was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

o If I could change the ending of this book, it would end with...

o My favorite part of this book was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

o After reading this book, I would like to read other books by \_\_\_\_\_\_ because…