

Reading Response Notebooks

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The Primary use of a reading response notebook is to help individuals become better readers by:

- **Engage in critical thinking and learning about how to interpret a text**
- **Connecting reading and writing**
- **Developing flexibility in responding and going beyond simple retelling and answering questions**
- **Using the notebook to promote and support discussions**
- **Formulating thoughtful and personal responses to what they read**
- **Responding and reflecting continually during the reading of a text**
- **Engaging in meaningful independent work while the teachers works with a group of students**
- **Collecting, examining, and using interesting words and language patterns**
- **Examining the writer's craft and recording the techniques they notice for later discussion and use in their own writing**
- **Sketching or drawing to express their understanding in images as a support for discussion or writing**