Reading Journal Activities for Children on Free Reading

Every week, choose at least one of these activities to complete in your reading journal about the book you are reading. You can do the same one more than once but do try to mix it up.

Fiction

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| Summarise the chapter you just read in one paragraph.  |
| Find a paragraph in the part of the story that you just read that you think you could improve with better vocabulary, fronted adverbials and conjunctions. |
| Describe your favourite character in the story.  |
| If you are only at the beginning or the middle of the book, write a paragraph to say how you think it will end.  |
| Draw a (short) comic strip featuring some of the characters in the story. |
| Look up 3 words in the dictionary that you didn’t understand from the chapter you’re reading and write the definition in your journal. You can look up words online too but always ask an adult before you go on the internet. |
| When you’ve finished your book: write a review. What was your favourite part of the story and why? Who was your favourite character and why? Would you recommend this book to others?  |
| When you’ve finished your book: Design a new front cover for the book. |
| When you’ve finished your book: Write a new blurb to go on the back cover.  |

Non- Fiction

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| Write the 3 most interesting facts from the part you just read. |
| Research a topic from your book that you thought was interesting but you want to know more information. Write a paragraph about it. (For example, if the book gives a couple of examples of Roman foods, you could research more Roman food or how the Romans did their cooking) Always ask an adult before you go on the internet.  |
| Draw a short comic strip based on a topic from your book (for example, if your book is about Victorian mills, you could draw a comic strip about a child who works there). |
| When you’ve finished your book: Write a review. What was the most interesting part of the book? Why? Would you recommend this book to others?  |
| When you’ve finished your book: Design a new front cover for your book.  |

Poetry:

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| Find examples of similes, metaphors and personification in the poem  |
| Choose your favourite poem from the book, why did you like it?  |
| Choose 3 new words that you didn’t understand and look them up in a dictionary. Write the definitions in your journal. If you’re looking online, always ask an adult first.  |