

# Nightly Journal Questions

**Directions:** Each night, read a chapter book for 30 minutes. Then, choose one question below and journal 5 (or more) complete sentences. *Respond to a different question each night. Tip: Sentences should be of a fifth-grade quality: Starting with a capital letter, 7 or more words per sentence, correct ending punctuation, and is a complete/correct sentence.*

1. What happened in your chapters? Describe the main events.
2. What was the most important event or feeling? Explain.
3. What do you notice about characters, setting, and plot?
4. Talk about the conflicts/problems that are going on in your story.
5. What were your feelings after reading the this chapter?
6. Describe, in detail, one character's personality/character traits.
7. Did these sections of your book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Other? Explain.
8. What connections are there between the book and your life? Explain.
9. What is the most important word you came across? Tell about it.
10. What do you think might happen next?
11. What parts of the book seem most believable or unbelievable? Why?
12. What makes you wonder in this book? What confuses you?
13. In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
14. Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family, or classmates? Explain.
15. Which character would you like to be in this book? Why?
16. Has the book helped you in any way? Explain.
17. Describe the book's genre. Use details and examples/connections.
18. What does the writer's purpose seem to be?
19. Write a letter to one of the characters telling them how you agreed or disagreed with their actions.

20. Write a 5+ sentence/line poem about any of the following things:

- The feelings you got from reading this section of your book
- The characters
- The setting
- The plot/events you just read about
- Lessons learned in the book so far

