

# Reading Response Journal

## Book of the Month November Reader Response Checkpoints

**Week 1: Friday, 11/4**  
**Week 2: Thursday, 11/10**  
**Week 3: Friday, 11/18th**  
**Week 4: Wednesday, 11/23rd**  
**(40 Total Points/10 points each)**



## Reading Response Journal and End of Book Response

**Book of the Month November  
Reading Response Journal**  
**Due: Wednesday, 11/30**  
**Total Points: 100**  
**\*New Book Due 11/30**

As you read your novel, you will be writing personal responses in this journal. Fill out your journal **as you read**; otherwise, you will forget what you wanted to write.

You have three journal entries due per week: one every Monday, one every Wednesday, and one every Friday.

Be thoughtful and meaningful in your responses. Please fill up every line – if you have blank lines, you have not adequately answered the writing prompt.

All responses should be in complete sentences and written in your neatest print or cursive.

When choosing one of three journal prompts, please highlight or circle the prompt you are choosing.

There are no right or wrong answers – just relevant and complete answers or irrelevant and incomplete answers! With this in mind, each page of your journal will be evaluated according to the following rubric:

**4 ⇒ Complete** (all answers are relevant, thoughtful, & meaningful and all lines are filled)

**3 ⇒ Mostly complete** (all answers are relevant, thoughtful, & meaningful and most lines are filled)

**2 ⇒ Somewhat complete** (not all answers are relevant, thoughtful, & meaningful and/or only about half of the lines are filled)

**1 ⇒ Started, but not even half completed** (answers are minimal, with very little thought or relevance and/or most lines are blank)

**0 ⇒ Page is entirely blank** or the questions are restated, but that is the only writing on the page

# Reading Response Journal



## How to finish your novel and your journal at the same time:

You have 12 journal pages (pages 8-19).

Divide the total number of pages in your novel by 12. This is the number of pages you should read each time you are going to complete a journal page.

Remember, you have a journal page due every Monday, every Wednesday, and every Friday. Plan your time wisely so you are reading an adequate number of pages each time you fill out a journal response.

Total number of pages in your novel: \_\_\_\_\_  $\div$  4 = \_\_\_\_\_



This is the number of pages you should read in your novel each time you fill out a page in your Reading Response Journal



Be sure to record the pages read here (upper right hand corner of each page)



Pages Read: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
First page read Last page read

# Model Page

Date: **November 4, 2016**

Pages Read: 16 to 25



Provide a brief update on what is happening in the novel.  
Include information on the plot, characters, setting, and theme:

In today's reading, Joey Pigza continued to get in trouble. He seems to have an extremely difficult time staying calm. At the beginning of the chapter, Joey's mom returned home from meeting his dad. Joey said she was trying to get his dad to move back home. When his mom returned, she tried to make new rules. Joey's grandma didn't like this. She seems a little crazy - she tried to make Joey take a time-out inside the refrigerator. Joey refused, so his grandma left. At the end of the chapter, Joey and his mom discussed how his grandma is "overactive in the mouth." I think they meant she talks too much, or she says things without thinking.



Choose one of the following prompts to answer in detail:

Predict what you think will happen next in the story.	Describe the setting and explain why you think it is important to the story.	Describe one of the characters in detail.
<p>The main character, Joey Pigza, is hyperactive, sensitive, and funny. Joey has ADD, which causes him to have difficulty paying attention. Joey is sensitive when he reflects on his actions. Sometimes he has regrets, such as when he was running with scissors and he accidentally hurt a classmate. Joey is funny when he ends up in crazy situations. For example, he swallowed his house key and he got his finger stuck in a pencil sharpener. I can't wait to learn more about Joey's adventures!</p>		

Score:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pages Read: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



*Provide a brief update on what is happening in the novel.  
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*Choose **one** of the following prompts to answer in detail:*

Predict what you think will happen next in the story. Explain your prediction.

Describe the setting and explain why you think it is important to the story.

Quote a line from the text that stands out to you. Why did you choose it?

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Pages Read: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



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Choose **one** of the following prompts to answer in detail:

Who is the <b>protagonist</b> in this story? Explain your answer.	Who is the <b>antagonist</b> in this story? Explain your answer	If you could eliminate one character from the story, who would it be? Why?
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**protagonist** – the central (main) character  
**antagonist** – one who opposes or challenges the protagonist

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Choose **one** of the following prompts to answer in detail:

Draw a detailed sketch of a scene in the story that you can visualize.

Draw a detailed sketch of a character in the story who you can visualize.

Draw a detailed sketch or map of a location in the story that you can visualize.

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Choose **one** of the following prompts to answer in detail:

How did one of the characters change over time? What caused him/her to change?

If you could give one piece of advice to any character, what would it be? Why?

What might have happened if you changed the timeline of the major events in this story?

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# Grading Rubric



## Novel Updates:

1	2	3
Most of the lines are blank Very few details/explanations	A few blank lines Incomplete information	No blank lines Detailed explanations

## Journal Prompts:

1	2	3
Most of the lines are blank Very few details/explanations	A few blank lines Incomplete information	No blank lines Detailed explanations

## Thoughtful, Meaningful Answers:

1	2	3
Little/no thoughtfulness or meaningfulness	Some thoughtfulness and meaningfulness	Answers are especially thoughtful & meaningful

## Quality:

1	2	3
Most writing on the page is sloppy	Some writing on the page is sloppy/some is neat	Superb neatness

## Cover Page:

1	2	3
Most of the lines are blank	A few of the lines are blank	No blank lines

## Date Turned In:

1	2	3
2 or more days late	1 day late	On time

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_