

Independent Reading Activities Examples

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Write in journal):

Date: 9/15/09

Book: Dogsong

Author: Gary Paulsen

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Focus strategy: making connections

Pages read: 20-32

Journal Entry Examples:

*Oogruk teaches Russel how to hunt and how to control a dog sled team.

*My teachers help me to become a better reader by giving me strategies to use.

*Oogruk and my teachers are wise, and we can depend on them for guidance and help.

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*Russel must learn how to live off the land.

*We need to learn how to use our resources wisely and preserve the land.

*This means we need to change our daily habits and create a whole new way of thinking.

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*Russel must overcome physical and mental challenges in the wilderness.
*In Hatchet, Brian also had to battle obstacles in the Canadian woods.

*I wonder if Russel will have deal with internal conflict like Brian?

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Thursday only-Reflection Example (Write in journal):

Reflection:

By making text-to-self connections, I was able to feel Russel's frustrations as he learned how to adapt to living off the land on his journey north. I discovered making connections makes reading more enjoyable because I can compare events to other stories that I've loved! I can't wait to see if things turn out for Russel just like they did for Brian! I also realized I need to make connections when reading social studies material as this will allow me to put the information in my own words and demonstrate my understanding of the content.