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4th Grade RWS Book Response Options and Instructions 2024-2025

Each quarter, you get to respond to two of your Reading Workshop books. Here are more instructions for each of the options that are mentioned in your book log packet. Have fun, and ask your teacher if you have any questions.

Your Book Responses for the 1st quarter will be due:

Sept. 27th

Oct. 18th

Your Book Responses for the 2nd quarter will be due:

Nov. 22nd

Dec. 13th

Your Book Responses for the 3rd quarter will be due:

January 31st

February 28th

Your Book Responses for the 4th quarter will be due:

April 4th

May 2nd

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1. Letter About Your Book

If you want to write a letter for one of this quarter's book responses, choose which Reading Workshop book you want to write about, and follow these instructions! Write on a lined notebook paper and turn in this page with your letter.

1. Use a proper letter address. Example- Dear Miss M.,
2. Tell me the title of your book, about the book (author, setting, characters, plot), and why you chose to read the book.
3. Write two ways you connect to the book- one in your head and one in your heart.
4. Write a closing statement saying why you would or would not recommend this book, and end with your name.
5. Check your spelling and grammar!

Letter Example

Dear Miss M.,

*I recently chose to read the book *Old Yeller*. The book takes place in Texas in the 1800's. *Old Yeller's* main characters include Travis, the main character, and his family members. The dog, *Old Yeller*, is also an important character! The story begins with Travis's father leaving for work, and Travis has to take care of the farm. A dog starts to cause trouble, but Travis and the dog become friends. The ending of the story is sad though, because the dog gets rabies.*

The reason I chose to read this book is because it is about a dog, and I love dogs. I also wanted to read this book to learn more about what life was like years ago.

I can connect to the book because I have a dog of my own. One connection I make in my head is when I think about reading about how to take care of dogs in a book at my house. One connection I make in my heart is feeling how sad it is to say goodbye to a pet, since my family's first dog died a few years ago.

I would recommend this book because it is really interesting to read, and made me think about my own life!

*Sincerely,
Mackenzie Peters*

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Letter Scoring Guide

Letter Heading and Signature	____/5
Title and Author	____/10
Story Elements- Setting, Characters, Plot	____/15
Reason for Choosing to Read	____/5
Connections you Make with Your Head and Heart	____/10
Recommendation with Reasons	____/5
Correct Spelling and Grammar (LA)	____/10

Totals: Reading____/50

Writing/LA____/10

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2. Book Review

If you want to write a book review for one of this quarter's book responses, choose which Reading Workshop book you want to review, and follow these instructions! Write on a lined notebook paper, and turn in this page with your review.

1. Explain your response to the book and give the book's title and author.
2. Explain the setting, characters, and plot of the book.
3. Share your favorite part of the book.
4. Say why you would or would not recommend this book, and give it stars.
5. Check your spelling, grammar, and organization!

Book Review Example

I just finished reading a book that I loved! My book is titled *Out of My Mind*, but I am not out of my mind to like this book!

The story takes place in the United States in the 2000's. As you read, you will meet Melody, the main character, and her family, teachers, and classmates. The plot of the story starts with Melody explaining who she is and problems that she faces because she is physically disabled. As the story continues, Melody qualifies for a major quiz competition. The resolution shows us how Melody learns, grows, and impacts others through the quiz team experience.

My favorite part of the book is when Melody talks about how she can almost taste and feel music and words.

I would recommend this book because it makes you think about how other people experience life, and also makes you think about communicating with others. The book is a great read for 5th graders, or anyone else who wants to read at about that level.

I'm glad I read *Out of My Mind*, and I would give it 5 stars!

Book Review Scoring Guide

Your Response, Book Title and Author	____/15
Story Elements- setting, characters, plot, theme	____/20
Favorite Part of the Book	____/5
Recommendation with Reasons and Star Rating	____/10
Correct spelling, grammar, and organization (LA)	____/10

Totals: Reading ____/50

Writing/LA ____/10

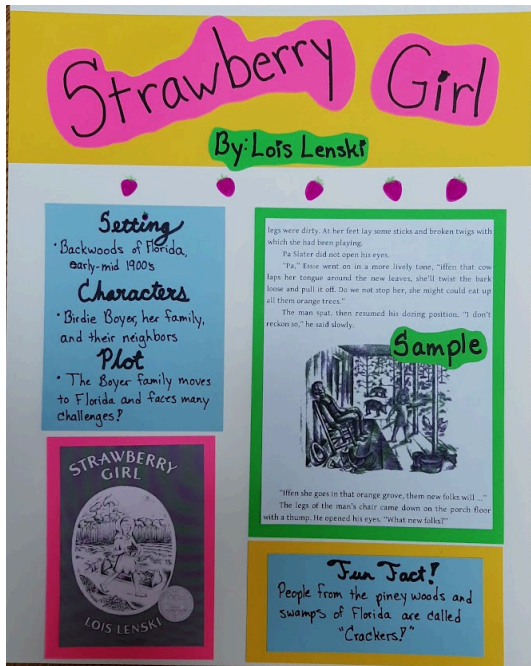
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3. Poster About Your Book

If you want to create a poster for one of this quarter's book responses, choose which Reading Workshop book you want to share, and follow these instructions! Turn in this page with your poster.

1. Write the book's title and author.
2. Explain the setting, characters, and plot of the book.
3. Share a fun fact about the book.
4. Draw or paste a picture of a scene from the book.
5. Check your spelling, grammar, and organization, and add color and neatness!

Poster Example



Poster Scoring Guide

Title and Author	____/10
Story Elements- Setting, Characters, Plot	____/20
Fun Fact(s)	____/10
Picture, Color, Neatness	____/10
Correct Spelling and Grammar (LA)	____/10

Totals: Reading ____/50

Writing/LA ____/10

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4. Book Commercial

If you want to create a book commercial for one of this quarter’s book responses, choose which Reading Workshop book you want to advertise, and follow these instructions! Write out your commercial on lined notebook paper, and turn in this page with your written commercial.

1. Start with a hook to grab your listeners’ attention!
2. State a clear opinion with your book’s title.
3. Share a summary of your book that includes the author, characters, setting, and plot.
4. Give a reason to read (Example: the plot keeps you on edge of seat).
5. Gives specific text evidence to support the reason. Read a paragraph or so of your book!
6. Close with a call to action. (Example- Get it today!).
7. Make sure the commercial is clearly organized with transition words.
8. Check grammar and spelling.
9. Practice and time yourself saying it to make sure it is 1-2 min.
10. Give your commercial to your class with excitement and voice! It doesn’t need to be memorized, but you should be able to read it fluently.

Remember Miss M.’s Example in class!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to own a horse? Well if so, this is the book for you! *Justin Morgan had a Horse* is an excellent book that will teach you about owning a horse, and keep you on the edge of your seat as you adventure with Justin Morgan! The author of this incredible book is... ..Find *Justin Morgan had a Horse* at your local library or on Amazon today!

Book Commercial Scoring Guide

Captivating Hook	___/5
Opinion and Title	___/5
Summary with Author, Characters, Setting, and Plot	___/20
Reason to Read	___/5
Tastefully Chosen Text Read with Fluency and Expression	___/5
Call to Action	___/5
1-2 Minutes with Expression and Excitement	___/5
Correct Spelling, Grammar, and Organization	___/10

Totals: Reading ___/50

Writing/LA ___/10

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