



Somerset Postcards



Reading Response Questions

Choose only **one** question to answer for each book you read. You should choose a **different** question for each book.

Incoming 1st and 2nd Graders (Current K and 1st Graders)

Parents of incoming first graders (current kindergarteners) may read the book to their child and may write their child's dictated responses.

For fiction:

- Write about the main problem and solution in the story.
- Write a character trait (smart, helpful, mean, etc.) for one of the main characters. Give proof from the story. (The mother was helpful because she _____.)
- Describe the setting including where and when the story takes place.
- Make a connection to one of the characters in the story—did something similar happen to you? How did you feel about it?
- What was your favorite part of the story and **why**?
- Tell why you liked/disliked the book.

For non-fiction:

- What are 2 new facts you learned about the topic?
- Write about 2 text features that you found in the informational text. What did you learn from each one? (I learned from a photograph that a frog can have stripes.)

Incoming 3rd and 4th Graders (Current 2nd and 3rd Graders)

You can start each letter by writing "This summer I read [title of book] by [author's name]..."

For fiction:

- Write about the main problem and solution in the story.
- Describe the main character—include what the character looks like (physical traits) and how the character acts, such as funny, helpful, mean (personality traits).
- Describe the setting including where and when the story takes place.
- Make a connection to one of the characters in the story—did something similar happen to you? How did you feel about it?
- What was your favorite part of the story and **why**?
- Write a brief summary of what happened in the story.
- Tell why you liked/disliked the book.

For non-fiction:

- What are 2 new facts you learned about the topic?
- What are 2 interesting things you learned?
- Why did you choose to read about this topic?
- Who would you recommend to read this book and **why**?

Incoming 5th Graders (Current 4th Graders – Center and Neighborhood)

For fiction:

- 📖 Choose one of the characters in your book and use that character's voice to write a postcard to a character from **any other book** that you've read.
- 📖 Write a postcard to a character advising him or her how to resolve a conflict from the story.
- 📖 Do you agree with the actions of the protagonist/main character in your story? Explain why or why not.
- 📖 If you could change one thing about the story, what would it be? Why?
- 📖 What was your favorite line or lines from the book? Why?
- 📖 Write a postcard to the author asking any questions about the story that you have or offering suggestions to improve the story.
- 📖 Pretend you are visiting a character in the story. Use imagery to describe the setting.
- 📖 Describe a different ending for the story.
- 📖 Describe the plot for a sequel or prequel to the book.

For non-fiction:

- 📖 Write a postcard to someone who hasn't read the book and explain the topic.
- 📖 What questions do you still have about the topic? How could you find answers?
- 📖 Make a connection between the nonfiction book you read and a fiction book, movie, or song.
- 📖 Explain how the text features in the book help you understand the information.