

Congratulations! You get a day without me! Well, that doesn't mean you get away with anything. I will be back on Thursday for you (tomorrow for everyone else). While I'm away from class today, I have an assignment for you. On your own piece of paper, please respond to the following questions. This is due at the end of class.

Short Answer

Please answer five of the following seven questions in short 3-4 sentence responses.

1. How is a character in your book similar to a character in another book, story, or movie?
2. What does this book remind you of in your own life?
3. What does this book make you wonder about in life?
4. What do you think of a particular character's actions? Was he/she right or wrong in acting that way?
5. What advice would you give to a particular character?
6. Make up a motto that one of the characters seems to live by. How and why does it fit that character?
7. What in the book upsets you or bothers you? Explain.

Interview Your Neighbor

Ask one of your neighbors the following questions. Record their responses on your paper.

1. Who are you interviewing? What book are they reading?
2. What are your feelings about your book at this point in the story? Why?
3. Have any parts of the book made you laugh? Cry? Cringe? Smile? Cheer? Explain your response with examples from the book. If not, then what parts were meant to give you an emotional response but didn't.
4. What connections are there between the book and your own life? Explain.

Theme Prompt

In a half page reflection, tell me what you think the theme(s) of your book is (are)...what is the author trying to get you to think about? Explain why you think so with specific examples from the book.

Song/Rap/Poem

Have some fun with this one and try to take it seriously. I want you to write a song, a rap, or a poem about a certain event, character, or theme from your book. Do not just summarize events, but analyze the characters and theme as you make your creation. Don't just write an acrostic or a haiku and think you're done. Give this serious thought, effort, etc. The better the composition, the better the grade.