

I dedicate this challenge to

Directions:

- 1. Pick a book
- 2. Start reading
- 3. When you finish a chapter, pick **ONE** of the following questions to answer.
- 4. Complete the log.

You do not have to complete an entire book to log one chapter.

Due Date: The 100th Day of School

Personal and Textual Connections:

- 1. Do any of the characters remind you of someone in your life? Who and how?
- 2. How are the characters, setting, and problems like those in other stories you have read?
- 3. Were you reminded of anything in your own life while reading this story? What and how?
- 4. What does this story make you think or wonder about?

Setting:

- 5. In another time or place, how would the story change? Where else could the story take place?
- 6. Is the place important to the story? How?
- 7. What words did the author use to describe the place? What can you hear, see, feel or smell as you read?
- 8. How is the setting like another place you know?

Characters:

- 9. Which character taught you the most? What did s/he teach you and how?
- 10. What choices did the character have? What choice did they make? Why?
- 11. How does the author/illustrator reveal the character? (Look at what the character does, thinks, or says and/or what others say about the character.)
- 12. Which characters change and which don't? How is character change important in the story?
- 13. How did the characters feel about one another? Why?
- 14. What did you learn from one character in the story? How did you learn it?
- 15. Which character is the protagonist? What does s/he want?
- 16. Which character is the antagonist? What does s/he want?
- 17. What is the relationship between the protagonist and the antagonist in this story?

Plot:

- 18. What is the conflict? How do you think it will be solved?
- 19. What lesson does this story teach about life? How does it teach it?
- 20. What do you think will happen next in the story and why do you think this will happen?
- 21. Do you think the story really could have happened? Why or why not?
- 22. Do you have any unanswered questions about the story? What are they and why are you curious about it?
- 23. What is the inciting force in this story? Why do you think this is the inciting force?
- 24. What is the climax of the story? Why do you think this is the climax?
- 25. How is the story resolved? Do you feel this was the best way to resolve it? Why or why not?

Theme:

- 26. What is the story really about? How do you know?
- 27. Do you think the title is appropriate for the story? Why or why not?
- 28. What does the story mean to you? Why?
- 29. Why did the author write this story? Why do you think this?

Point of View:

- 30. Who tells the story? Is this the best person to tell it? Why or why not?
- 31. What other voices could tell the story?
- 32. How would the story be different if told through another character's eyes?

Language:

- 33. Did the author use language to create a feeling or picture in your mind? What words did the author use and how did s/he create this picture in your mind?
- 34. Where did the author describe something well? Why do you think so?

Author:

- 35. Did the author keep you interested? How or why?
- 36. Why do you think the author began or ended the story in this way?
- 37. What do you notice about the writing the way the author wrote?

Genre:

- 38. How is this book like other books you've read in this genre?
- 39. How does this book differ from other books you've read in this genre?

Non-Fiction Selections:

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- 40. What did you already know about this book's subject before you read this book?
- 41. What new things did you learn?
- 42. What questions do you still have?
- 43. What else have you read on this topic, and would you recommend these books to others?
- 44. What do you think about the author's research? Was it easy to see where the author got his or her information? Were the sources credible?

Abandoned Books

45. Why did you originally select this book? Why did you choose to abandon it? What signs did you notice quickly that made you want to abandon it?

Poetry

- 46. What was your favorite line? What issues or ideas is the poem exploring?
- 47. Where is the poem set?
- 48. What is the poem most concerned with?
- 49. To what moments in the poem were you most drawn?
- 50. What moment did you most identify with or understand?

Graphic Novel

- 51. Pick a page or a sequence from the graphic novel and think through what you learn from just the words. Then think about what you learn from just the images. Are they telling you the same information, or are they giving you different information? How do they work together?
- 52. What was told in the story that you felt suited comics?
- 53. Does the artist use traditional rectangular panels? Or are there stylized panels or none at all? How does this impact the story or mood?

Creative Questions

- 54. What is a song you can think of that would describe how one of the characters feels during a moment? Why? Is there a lyric within it that works particularly well?
- 55. What is a symbol you can think of that represents a major character in the book? How does it represent the character?

If You Finished the Book...

- 56. What would you say to the person who wrote this book?
- 57. Do you think this book will stick with you in 5 years? Why or why not?

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