Sentence Leads for Reading Response Journals

1. This (character, place, event) reminds me of ............ because ............... 
2. I like/dislike this book/part of the book because ............... 
3. This situation reminds me of something that happened in my own life. (Tell the story and talk about the connections.) 
4. The character I (like best, admire, dislike the most) is ........ because ............... 
5. I like/dislike this part of the story because ............... 
6. The setting in this story is important because ............... 
7. This book makes me think about (something happening in the world). 
8. A question I have about this book is ........because ............... 
9. When I read this book I felt ............... 
10. If I were this character, I would ............... 
11. (Character) reminds me of (myself, a friend, a family member) because ............... 
12. If I could talk to one of the book’s characters I would (ask or say) ............... 
13. I predict that ............... because ............... 
14. This (phrase, sentence, paragraph) is an example of good writing. 
15. This (person, place, time) reminds me of ............... 
16. I didn’t understand the part of the story when ............... 
17. This book reminds me of another book I have read. 
18. The most exciting part of the book was ............... 
19. The big ideas in this book were ............... 
20. Some important details I noticed were ........ They were important because ........ 
21. My favourite part of the book was ............... 
22. I think the author wrote this book to ............... 
23. Some good (adjectives, verbs, adverbs) were ............... 
24. I found this book hard to follow when ............... 
25. The author got me interested when ............... 
26. This book is really about ............... 
27. After the book ends, I predict ............... 
28. I am like/different from (character) ...............
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29. I learned ……………
30. This book makes me want to (action, further reading) ……………
31. After reading the first (paragraph, chapter, page) of this book, I felt ……………
32. The title of the book says to me ……………
33. If I could be any character in this book, I would be ……… because ………
34. What I want to remember about this book is ……………
35. I’d like to read another book by this author because ……………
36. The most important (word, phrase, idea, illustration) in this book is ……………
37. My feelings about (the book, characters changed when) ……………
38. This book was an effective piece of writing because ……………
39. As compared to other books (by this author, on the same topic), I think this book is ……………
40. I thought this book was realistic/unrealistic because ……………
41. I question the accuracy of ……………
42. I agreed/disagreed with the author about ……………
43. I think the illustrations ……………
44. I noticed how the author ……………
45. If I were the author, I would have changed the part of the story when ……………
46. The author is qualified to write this book because ……………
47. To summarise the text, I would say ……………
48. This book helped me to ……………
49. I would choose another book by this author because ……………
50. The author wrote this book to (teach, show, explain) ……………