

Maryites Read to Succeed Questionnaire Form

Date _____

Name _____

Grade Level _____

Reading Teacher _____

Part A: Choose one question from each section below. Write your response in a paragraph form. Please write in print and spell-check all work. All entries must be completed on-line or on notebook paper. Make sure you write each section with your corresponding answer. Attach your answer sheet to your questionnaire.

Questions that Foster Personal Connections:

What feelings did you have as you read the story? Have you had experiences similar to the character of the story?

Who was your favorite character in the story and why?

How did the story change your thinking? Or can you show how it validated or affirmed your thinking?

Questions about setting:

Where does the story take place? Discuss the important settings and explain why you believe each is important to the story.

When does the story take place? Was it long ago, in the future, or the present? What did you learn about this time period?

Questions about the character:

Who is the main character? Why is this character important to the story?

Did any of the characters change? Pick one and discuss how an event, person, and decision change that character.

Discuss what you think the main character learned about himself, his family, or his friends.

Describe a conflict between two characters. How was it resolved? What did you learn about these characters?

Were there problems characters couldn't solve? Identify one or two and explain why you think they weren't resolved.

Questions about Structure:

What is the genre of your book? (Fiction, non-fiction etc.) Give examples of your decision.

Questions about Theme:

Discuss some points that the author is making about family, friends, feelings, nature, life experience, or an historical period. Use details from the story that back up a period you're making.

Part B: Choose at least one question that relates to the genre (Fiction, Fantasy, Mystery etc.) you have read: Please write in print and spell-check all work. Write your response in a paragraph form.

Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Why is this person famous?

Discuss three to four personality traits that helped make this person achieve his or her goal.

What about this person do you feel enabled him or her to realize personal hopes and dreams?

How did this person affect the lives of other people during his or her time? During our time?

Historical Fiction

What does the book teach you about family life and relationships between family members?

What kinds of struggle and problems did the main character face? List three and explain how the main character dealt with and solved each one. If there was no solution, explain why you think the problem couldn't be solved.

Would you enjoy living during the time of this book? Explain why or why not.

Science Fiction

Are problems characters face in the story similar to or different from those people face today? Explain with examples.

Does the author deal with present-day issues such as population, food supplies, ecology, technological advances? Compare the author's view to your own.

Does the story offer hope for humanity or is it a warning? Explain your conclusion.

Would you like to live in this society? Are there advantages and disadvantage? Offer reasons from the text for your decisions.

Fantasy

How does the author enable you, the reader, to enter the fantasy world? Are there realistic elements? Discuss some of these and how they affect the story.

Is there a struggle between forces of light and dark? Who wins? Offer support for the victory?

How do ideas and theme in this book connect to other fantasy books you've read?

Mystery

What is the mystery that must be solved? How does setting affect the mystery?

What are some clues that the author includes to lead you away from solving the mystery?

Who are the main character(s)? What traits does the main character possess that enables him or her to solve the mystery?

At what point in the book were you able to solve the mystery? Why could you do that?

What part did you consider most suspenseful? Share it and explain why.

Folk and Fairy Tales

Who is the hero? The heroine? What qualities make him or her heroic?

Why must heroic tasks or deeds be accomplished?

How do adventures, magic, and other characters change the life of the hero or heroine?

What are two difficult decisions characters made? What influenced these decisions? How do their decisions change their lives?

What human characteristics do animals, flowers, and toys have? How are their qualities similar to yours?

Nonfiction

Why did you select this book?

What new information did you learn?

What did you learn from photographs? From charts and diagrams? From illustrations?

Did this book change your thinking on this topic? How?