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Planning Your Reading Response Letter

Reading response letters are letters that you write to someone about a book you have read or one that you are currently reading. They include a brief introduction, a short summary of the book, and the most important part—**your thinking!** This activity is designed to help you collect and organize your thoughts about the book and select your main topic for the letter you will write.

This is best completed **WHILE** reading your book because the ideas will come directly from your thinking as you read. It can also be done after reading, in preparation for writing a reading response letter to your teacher, another adult, or a classmate.

Record your thoughts, connections, and wonderings about the plot, the characters, and the author's writing style in the sections below.

Impressions/Thoughts	Connections	Wonderings
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Now, circle the two ideas that you most want to discuss in your letter. Be sure to provide examples from the book so that your reader can understand how these ideas play out in the book.