

Reading Response Letter Interactive

Read the letter below and complete the following tasks. You will need different colored markers.

- _____ Add commas in the greeting and closing/signature.
- _____ Underline the book genre, title, and author in BLUE.
- _____ Underline the book summary in YELLOW.
- _____ Underline the setting of the story in RED.
- _____ Circle the juicy thinking paragraph with a GREEN marker.
- _____ Underline the closing statement in PURPLE.
- _____ Underline the question for the reader in ORANGE.

Dear Ms. Franklin

I am almost done with the book *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. It is a Newbery Medal historical fiction novel. I'm really enjoying it so far!

This book is set during the 1930s during the Great Depression. Bud Caldwell, a 10-year-old African American boy, is the main character. He starts out at an orphanage only to get placed with a nasty foster family. He escapes that family and travels hundreds of miles on his own looking for his father.

This book is so powerful. The thing that impacted me most was his quest to belong. He really wanted to find his people—his family. There are flashbacks to moments with his mother where he felt deeply cared for and he longs to have that again. The way the author describes the scene where he thinks he finds his dad actually made me cry. I also LOVED the way the author wrote the story so that you really believe a ten-year-old is telling it. The word choice and the kinds of things Bud notices and thinks about really made this character come alive.

I can see why this book won a Newbery Medal! Have you ever read a book that made you cry?

Your student,
Anita Break