**Reading Journal Assignment**

**Essential Question: *How does daily reading help me in vocabulary & comprehension*?**

Keep a *Reader’s Response Log* on the book you read. Choose ***4*** phrases, sentences, or paragraphs to respond to. Be sure to choose phrases, sentences, or paragraphs that can generate thought so that you may discuss them in writing.

*Follow the process below:*

**Process:**

1. As you read, select quotations that appeal to you or make you think.

2. Write the quote on your paper:

3. Use the following stems to ***help*** you write your responses:

a. I wonder…

b. I began to think of…

c. I like the idea of…

d. I was surprised when…

e. I can’t really understand…

f. I am disturbed by…

g. It bothers me when….

h. I noticed that…

i. I don’t see how….

j. Why did…

k. I learned that…

l. I was reminded of…

4. I am using this journal to evaluate your understanding of each chapter. Be deep and thorough in your responses.

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| **Reader Response Log Rubric Grades**  | **Criteria**  |
| **A**  | * Includes 4 phrases, sentences or paragraphs
* Demonstrates excellent understanding of the text which includes interpretations
* Demonstrates deep thinking
* Effort is evident (neat, and printed clearly)
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| **B**  | * Includes 3 phrases, sentences, or paragraphs
* Demonstrates good understanding of the text which includes interpretations
* Demonstrates some deep thinking
* Effort is evident (neat, and printed clearly
 |
| **C**  | * Includes 3 phrases, sentences, or paragraphs per chapter
* Demonstrates superficial understanding of the text
* Some effort is evident
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| **F**  | Not enough evidence to judge  |

**Example of a Journal Entry:**

**From Jazz by Toni Morrison**

“A poisoned silence floated through the rooms like a big fishnet that Violet alone slashed through with loud recriminations” (Morrison 5).

I think this simile is a fitting description of the atmosphere of the Trace household. In any home, silence can be more vicious than words, but in Joe and Violet’s house, it’s particularly poisonous. Her anger and hurt and his indescribable silence drifts through the room and further poisons their relationship. I wonder if they will ever straighten out their problems. I hope he snaps out of his sadness in time to save their marriage.

Note: This is an exemplary response because it includes the quote, and has a full five-sentence reader response to the quote. It meets the “A” criteria of the rubric. BONUS! It also includes a correctly formatted MLA parenthetical citation! ☺