



Read Like a Detective

Every good detective has a notebook to write down facts, clues, observations, interesting words, and visuals.

Use this guide to give you ideas of what to write in your notebook, as you take a journey through a book.

At the top of each page, always label the book, the chapter and page number(s) that you are addressing. This will organize your notebook for easier future referencing.



Alternatively, you can dedicate each page to different element (characters, plot setting, conflict, solution, theme, etc) or any ideas that you want to analyze (i.e. how the book addresses a particular historical event).

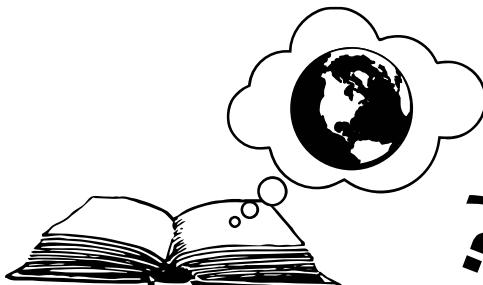
Write down important facts. They are like clues to a mystery. How do you know what facts are important? This is entirely up to you. It depends on what you are analyzing, what you are looking for or what is on your mind. If you read something that adds to the analysis of a character, write it down and put the character's name in parenthesis, next to it. (vocabulary) (plot) (setting) (theme) (character actions) (you get the idea)



Add any character actions or events from your reading that you can make personal connections to.



Add connections to other books



Add any connections to global current or past events.



Write down questions or details that you do not understand.



Draw to help you visualize.

