

Strategies for Fantastic Reading Notes

Predicting: Posing a guess or a specific question about what you think will happen next. When we make a prediction, we always follow up in our notes.

Examples:

- *I wonder if Cassie will end up dating her crush.*
- *I think that Harry will rescue Ginny.*
- *Will Gregor Die?*

Questioning: Asking a question about the story, but not about what will happen next. When we ask a question, we always follow up in our notes.

Examples:

- *Are Cassie's friends popular?*
- *Why did Stanford draw all of those tattoos on himself?*
- *What did the author mean by tea?*

Text-to-Self Connecting: Connecting something from the book to your own life.

Examples

- *I know what it's like to be the new girl.*
- *The small rooms remind me of camp.*
- *I remember how terrible it was when my friend and I got in a fight.*

Text-to-Text Connecting: Connecting part of the book to something else you have read.

Examples:

- *Ripred's character reminds me of Snape.*
- *This book is about a boy with magic, just like in my favorite book!*
- *This reminds me of Nancy Drew.*

Noticing Author's Style: Noticing something about the way the author writes the book.

Examples:

- *Jack Gantos loves to describe really gross experiences.*
- *Reading this part makes me feel like I'm eavesdropping on the conversation!*
- *It's hard to tell if the character is good or bad.*

Making Inferences: Drawing conclusions from the story, based on clues or hints.

Examples:

- *Gregor must be a good fighter.*
- *I think that Dumbledore is actually trying to help Harry, here.*