

Text Structures for Book Report

The Story of My Thinking		
What the character used to think	But this happened	So now he/she thinks

A Memory - a Moment in the Character's Life				
Where they were	Moment it started	Next moment	Final moment	Truism

Curiosity: One Thing the Character Would Like to Know About				
He/she has sometimes wondered about ...	He/she knows that ...	He/she also knows that ...	But he/she can't figure out how ...	So he/she plans to ...

Insight Garden/The 11-Minute Essay				
An insight about life	One illustration from literature	One illustration from a movie	An illustration from my life	I wonder

Evolution of a Term (word or phrase in the prompt)			
What the word meant to me when I was 4	What I was a little older	What the word means to me now	What the word will probably mean when I am _____ (pick an age)

Book Report Assignment
English Language Arts

This book report will be due at the beginning of class on January 5.

Your book must be:

- a novel
- appropriate to your age and work level
- never made into a movie
- approved by your parents

We will work together to write your assignment on the week of January 2, so have your book read by then.

Please return the bottom part of this page by January 3.

This nice week, I have read _____ (title) _____ by _____ (author)

It has not been made into a movie, and I have not read it before this year:

(student signature) (parent signature)

Date _____

Name _____ Date _____

SSR Book Essay Assignment and Pre-Writing: Kernel due on January 3; essay due on January 5.

What is the best thing about your book? _____

Title of book _____ Author _____

Plot summary: _____

Choose a text structure which will help you talk about your book. Then write a kernel essay about one aspect of the book. Turn this page in for a maximum grade of "B." If you would like a grade of "A," then flesh out your kernel essay with the details from the book, and turn in that essay with this page. The final essay should range between 400 to 700 words, typed in MLA format.

Name of Structure _____					

Kernel essay:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Heard by: (3 signatures) _____

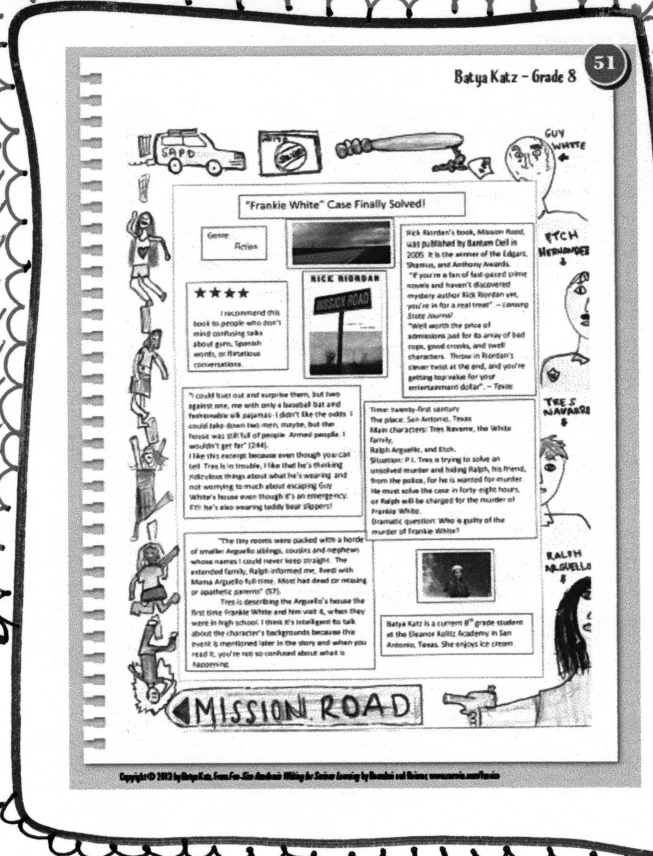
- The Steps* juicy
1. Read a book.
 2. Think about the character's life/situations.
 3. Choose one intriguing thing to focus on.
 4. Choose a structure that will help your thoughts come out.
 5. Write a kernel essay (and share it).
 6. Add details from the book to make the essay clear to someone else.

BOOK REPORT ESSAYS

For more information about the values of self-selected reading
 see
Book Love by Penny Kittle
The Book Whisperer by Donalyn Miller

Dr...

A
 Graphic
 book report/
 book review
 for posting



(Lesson 51 in Fun-Size Academic Writing)

Name _____ Book title _____

Checking your essay:

Look over your essay and comment about its strengths and weaknesses in this self-assessment.

Organization and structure	Kernel essay attached and developed well?		40 points
Book knowledge	Is it clear you read your book?		20 points
Form	MLA format complete?		20 points
Mechanics	Capitals? Periods? Spelling?		20 points
			Total

Your comments here:

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