

Partner Book Conference: Independent Reading

Name _____ Date _____

Purpose: To complete a book conference with a partner, take notes, and use the notes to write up the conference.

Directions:

1. Use the prompts in italics for getting discussion going.
2. Jot notes based on the conversation between you and your partner.
3. On a separate sheet of paper, write up your notes under each question, and organize the write-up into paragraphs.

Why did you select this book?

- *Is it a topic and/or author you love? Did someone recommend it? Who? Why did they recommend it?*
- *What about the book made you enjoy or dislike it?*

What kept you interested in this book?

- *Can you find a favorite part, read it, and explain why you liked it?*
- *What new information did you learn?*
- *Was there an interesting photograph or illustration? Share and discuss it by showing how it connects to the book.*
- *What did you learn about characters or people and how they cope with problems? Discuss an event and person or character that changed the protagonist.*

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Can you link the title to a theme or a problem?

- *Connect the title to a specific event, setting, person, or set of details.*
- *Does the title connect to a theme or big idea? Explain.*

Would you recommend this book to classmates?

- *What about the book made it a great read? Suspense, a cliffhanger at the end of chapters, the characters or persons, the problems and conflicts? Explain.*
- *Would you read a different book by this author? Explain why or why not.*
- *Use a search engine to find the author's website or information related to the author. Discuss what you learned and share the website with your partner.*
