

WEEK ONE: This week you are going to write about CHARACTERS.

*You can DESCRIBE the main/your favorite character using the five ways to characterize.

- Actions: what he/she does
- Words: what he/she says or talks about
- Appearance: what he/she looks like
- Thoughts or Beliefs: what he/she thinks about or believes
- Opinion of others: what others say about him/her

*You can make CONNECTIONS with the main/your favorite character.

- "I can relate to ____ because..."
- "I am similar to ____ because..."
- "____ reminds me of ____ because..."
- "____ and I both like the same things, such as..."
- "____ and I have both been to the same places, such as..."

*You can tell me what you like about the main/your favorite character and what you would change about him/her.

*If you could spend the day as one of the characters in your book, who would you chose? Why? You can tell me about your day in the life of that character.

READING RESPONSE SETUP

Your name Reading Response # Title of your book "your choice" or specific genre Your current page number
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- On a HALF sheet of paper with no "edgies"
- Start with a **general statement** (topic sentence) that answers the prompt. DON'T BE TOO SPECIFIC!!
- Next, give details. Be sure to include **examples from the story** to support your writing.
- Make sure you use complete sentences at all time.
- End with a conclusion sentence that wraps it all up.
- If you switch topics halfway through, **start a new paragraph** with a new topic sentence.

Sample #1 (*From Come Back, Amelia Bedelia*)

Mrs. Riske RR #1: characters <i>Come Back, Amelia Bedelia</i> Realistic Fiction end

The main character in *Come Back, Amelia Bedelia* is Amelia Bedelia. Amelia is a maid/cook/nanny for a rich couple named Mrs. and Mrs. Rogers. Amelia is a person who takes everything literally. One example of this can be found on page 7-8 when Mrs. Rogers asks for cereal with her coffee. Instead of giving Mrs. Rogers a cup of coffee and bowl of cereal, Amelia gave her a cup with cereal and coffee mixed together. Another example of Amelia's misunderstanding is at the end of the story when Mr. Rogers asks her to heat up a can of soup. Any normal person would pour the soup into the bowl and heat it up, but not Amelia; she plopped the can right in the pan and set it on the stove. As much as her behaviors irritate the Rogers, they can't resist her baking. At the end of this story, Amelia keeps her job by making delicious cream puffs.

(Note: this focuses on her personality and how she takes things literally. It is NOT a summary of what she does. Each example relates directly to her personality trait.)