**Response Log**

**Book Title:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Getting Started**

Examine the cover, read the title, back cover and the first page to **make predictions** about your novel.



**What makes you say this? **

**When and where does the story take place?**

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**Who is telling the story?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Main Characters**

Use the table below to collect information and draw conclusions about the main characters in your novel.

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| **Descriptions, actions, dialogue, thoughts, relationships...** | **What does this information tell you about the character?** |
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**Secondary Characters**

* Make a list of secondary characters.
* Provide a brief description (physical or psychological description, relationship with main character, role etc.)

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| **Name** | **Brief Description** |
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**Setting**

* **Time Period, Setting, Historical Details**

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| **Time - Describe when the story takes place.****How do you know this?** |

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| **Place - Describe where the story takes place:****How do you know this?** |

**Background Research**

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| **Make a list of topics, places, and historical events that you think are important in your novel.** |

* **Choose one of the elements in your list above**
* **Use the Internet to research this topic, place, or historical event**
* **Note your findings**

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| **What does this information reveal about the story? (think about conflict, characters, atmosphere)** |

**Plot**

* **Use this diagram to help you understand the action in your story.  Note important details in the boxes.**

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| **What is the story about?** |

**PLOT**

* **Use the information from the diagram on the previous page to complete the boxes below**

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**Theme**

**I Read it, but I Don’t Get it!**

* **Use all the information you’ve gathered to draw conclusions about your story.**



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| **What’s important or interesting to me** | **Author’s message (What the author is trying to say about life, society, humanity)**  |
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