

Conferences

Just as it is important to think about and reflect on what you are reading, it is also important to talk about what you are reading.

Three times per quarter you will be required to conference during class time with me or another teacher/adult on the book you are reading. You must complete at least 100 pages before you can conference. To the conference you must bring your journal, reading log, and book. (You may occasionally be asked to read aloud a very small portion of your novel during conferences.) It is your responsibility to sign up for these conferences and they should be spread throughout the quarter. Again, you must have three conferences each quarter. Make sure you sign up; do not wait until the last minute, or it can affect your grade. No more than one response per student will be given per day and no more than two per week.

In your conference you should discuss the book you are reading including the various elements you have written about in your journal. While you do want to reveal some story elements, you should NOT retell the story. It should be a conversation between you and the other person focusing on the novel and your thoughts associated with the novel.

Remember, the conference is set up to be a discussion on the literature you are reading. Think about the elements present in a good discussion such as comments, questions and interaction between the people talking. The conversation should be meaningful and insightful.

The rubric on which you will be graded is below. Good luck!

To receive a 3, in a conference you must

- Effectively participate in literary discussions incorporating two or more of the following: elements, predictions, connections.

To receive a 2, in a conference you must

- Somewhat effectively participate in literary discussions incorporating one of the following: elements, predictions, connections.

To receive a 1, in a conference you must

- Somewhat effectively participate in literary discussions that does not focus on elements OR student retells story without any predictions or connections.