

Activities For Students to Use with Any or All Books

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1. For Older Students:
 - a. Imagine that students have been hired by a publisher. These five books have been submitted, but the publisher can only afford to publish one of them. Students should review the books and then choose the one they think is the best for a particular audience. They need to write to the publisher giving reasons for the choice.
 - b. Same as above only the students write to the authors telling them why they chose the book, or why not.
 - c. The students compare illustrations. Write about why the styled fits the text and why one illustrator's style for this particular book would not work with one of the other books. Keep in mind that illustrator's change styles depending on the text.
2. Students give a book talk or advertisement for one of the books (similar to Reading Rainbow.)
3. Write a riddle or a cinquain poem about one of the characters and see if the class can guess who it is.
4. Write a letter to one of the characters telling them:
 - a. why you liked what they did.
 - b. why you think what they did was wrong.
 - c. why you admire them.
 - d. how they remind you of another character (in any story, list the title).
5. Make a bookmark for your favorite book. Be sure to list the title, author, illustrator, and your name in small text. Try to think of a saying about the book as the large text. Think about design and color to make it attractive.
6. Think about any of the main characters. If you were invited to a birthday party for them, what kind of present would you bring? Describe it in detail and explain why you think this would be a great gift for them.
7. Put yourself in the story. Decide where you would like to join the story. How would this change the story?