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Welcome to your Reading Journal. We hope that this journal will become a record of your reading journey through your Junior Cycle years.

Boggle, discover, go wild, investigate, laugh and enjoy your JCSP Reading Journal.

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## ALL ABOUT ME

Name:
Date of birth: $\qquad$
School: $\qquad$
Class:
I like to: $\qquad$

My favourite author is: $\qquad$

My favourite book is: $\qquad$

My favourite singer is: $\qquad$

My favourite sport is: $\qquad$

My favourite hobby is: $\qquad$

My favourite film is:

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## ALL ABOUT ME

Photo of me reading
$\square$
My favourite place to read: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

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## BOOKS I HAVE READ

Author
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## BOOKS I HAVE READ

Author
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## AUTHORS I HAVE MET

Author's Name
$\qquad$

Where I met this Author: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Questions asked of the Author: e.g. when did you first start writing?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
What did you learn about the Author? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Did you enjoy meeting the Author? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Why?
Photos of Author:-

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## AUTHORS I HAVE MET

## Author's Name

Books by this Author
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Where I met this Author: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Questions asked of the Author: e.g. when did you first start writing?
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What did you learn about the Author? $\qquad$
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Did you enjoy meeting the Author? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Why?
Photos of Author:-

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## HOW TO WRITE A BOOK REVIEW

1. Always use a full sentence when you are writing a book review.
2. Write a sentence about the type of book you have chosen.
A. Is it a fiction book or an information book?
B. Is it a horror/romance/historical/sport/biography?
3. Give reasons why you chose this book.
A. Did you read the blurb?
B. Did you like the cover?
4. Write a few sentences that say what the book is about?
5. If you chose a fiction book, describe the main characters in the story.
A. Who are they?
B. What are they like?
6. Write about the type of person who would enjoy reading this book?
A. Is it for boys/girls/children of all ages?
B. To whom would you recommend this book?
7. Give the book a mark out of ten and say why you gave the book this mark.
A. If you give the book ten out of ten say why.
B. If you deduct (take away) marks, explain why.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Write about a book you like. Why do you like it? Who is your favourite character?

These words may help you:
happy funny easy kind scary fiction information difficult interesting pictures words

Book:

Author:

I like this book because: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

My favourite character is: $\qquad$ because: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Author: $\qquad$

Title:

Marks out of ten:

Name the main characters:

Who is/are your favourite character/s? $\qquad$
$\qquad$

What is the story about?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Did you like the book? Why?

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## BOOK REVIEW

Book:

Author: $\qquad$

Number of pages: $\qquad$ Marks out of ten: $\qquad$

I would recommend this book to:


Boys $\square$

What is the book about? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
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$\qquad$

What did you think of this book? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$

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## BOOK REVIEW

Book:

Author: $\qquad$

Character: Your task here is to write about the characters. Describe what they are like. Compare them with other people you know.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Write about a book you like. Why do you like it? Who is your favourite character?

Book:

Author: $\qquad$

I like this book because: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

My favourite character is: $\qquad$ because: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
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## BOOK REVIEW

Book:

Author: $\qquad$

Setting: Where and when does the story take place?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Characters: Who are the main characters and what are they like?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Plot: What is the plot?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

What background information do you know about the characters and the setting?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Why do you think the author planned the plot this way?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

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## BOOK REVIEW

Book:

Author: $\qquad$

What type of person would enjoy this story and why?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
State one thing you would do differently in the story and why.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Write a 'Newsflash' about the story. The newsflash should focus on making the listener want to read it.

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My favourite book in 1st year:

Why I like the book:

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My favourite book in 2nd year:

Why I like the book:

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My favourite book in 3rd year:

Why I like the book:

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## Parts of a Book - BLURB

The Blurb of a book tells us a little bit about the story. It usually tells us the name of the main character. The blurb gives us clues about what type of book it is. Often people decide to read a book because they like the sound of the blurb.

Select a fiction book you have read:

Write your own blurb for this book:

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## Parts of a book - BLURB

Select a fiction book you have read: $\qquad$

Author: $\qquad$

Who is your favourite character? $\qquad$

Plot: What is the plot?
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Write your own blurb for this book:

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## PARTS OF A BOOK - CHARACTER

Select a fiction book you have read: $\qquad$

Author:

Draw your favourite character from the book.

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## PARTS OF A BOOK - COVER

Select a fiction book you have read: $\qquad$

Author:

Design a book cover for your favourite book.

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## MY READING QUIZ

## FINISH THE WORDS

Can you finish these words?

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OKS

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## MY READING JOURNAL - CARTOON SCENE

Title:

Author:

Draw a cartoon scene from your favourite book.

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## READING EVENTS

Reading event:
Reading Challenge, Author in Residence, Drop Everything \& Read, Accelerated Reading, and Who Wants to be a Word Millionaire?

Date the event took place:

Describe the event or what was the challenge:

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## READING RECORD

Author:
Book:
Date the event took place: $\qquad$

Describe how the event was celebrated: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

JCSP Statement achieved: $\qquad$
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$\qquad$
Photo of the event: $\qquad$
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## READING RECORD

Author:
Book:
Date the event took place:
Describe how the event was celebrated: $\qquad$
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$\qquad$

JCSP Statement achieved:

Photo of the event:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
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## MAKE A BOOK

What was the book about?

Where was it exhibited and when?

When our school went to the exhibition: $\qquad$

JCSP Statement achieved:

Photo of our Make A Book:

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MY READING JOURNAL PHOTOS

