

# Strategy Activities for Writing

## 1. Prediction

Write what your prediction was in your journal. Record what actually happened in the story and discuss the parts of your prediction that were correct and the parts that turned out to be different.

## 2. Question

Write six questions you would like to ask a character in the story or the author of the story. Be sure to tell who you are writing to. Use the question words: who, what where, when, why, and how.

## 3. Visualize

Think of a part of the story that you can see very clearly in your mind, and write about it.

## 4. Summarize

Write a summary of the story we just read. (Main ideas and main events in your own words.)

## 5. Evaluate

Write what you thought about the story. Do you think the author did a good job of telling the story? Tell why you liked or disliked the story. What parts were your favorites?

## 6. Monitor/Clarify

Write about any parts of the story that you had to reread because these parts were hard to understand or you thought they were confusing. Tell why you thought these parts were hard to understand.

# Making Connections

## **7. Make Connections: Text to Self**

Write about how this story reminds you of yourself or of something in your life.

## **8. Make Connections: Text to Text**

Compare this story to another story you have read. Explain how the stories are alike and different

## **9. Make Connections: Text to World**

Write about how this story reminds you of something that happened in the world.

# Free Writing Activities

## 10. Different Ending

Find an exciting part of the story and tell what is happening. Then write a new ending for the story. Be creative. How would you make the story end?

## 11. Vocabulary Story

Write a story using all of the vocabulary words we have practiced from the story.

## 12. Diary Entry

Pretend you are a character in the story. Write a diary entry telling about the things that are happening in your life.

## 13. Letter to the Author

Find the author's name at the beginning of the story and write a letter to the author of the story. Tell the author what parts you liked and did not like. Tell the author any changes you would have made if you had written the story. Write questions you would like to ask the author.

## 14. Compare and Contrast

Using a diagram, compare your life with the life of the main character in the story.

Compare: family, place where you live, free time activities, problems, daily life

# Reading Projects

## 15. Your Favorite Part of the Story

Write a short description of your favorite part of the story and illustrate it.

## 16. Comic Strip

Make a comic strip of the story, or part of the story.

## 17. Book Cover

Design a cover for the book. Include a story summary and a biography of the author on the book jacket flaps.

## 18. Book Advertisement

Make an advertisement for a bookstore window to feature this book.

## 19. Make up a song or a poem about the story.

You may perform it for the class.

## 20. "Digging through the Dictionary"

Look up your vocabulary words.

## 21. Alphabetize your vocabulary words.

## 22. Word Search

Make a word search with your spelling words and with the character names from the story.

## 23. Book Report or Book Review

Write a book report or book review of a silent reading book you have just finished.