

# Read Write Think “Book Report/Response” Ideas:

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/index.asp](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp)

## 1. Acrostic Poem - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=45](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=45)

In this online tool, students can learn about and write acrostic poems. An acrostic poem uses the letters in a word to begin each line of the poem. All lines of the poem relate to or describe the main topic word. In addition, as part of the online tool, students are prompted to brainstorm, write, and revise their poems, thus reinforcing elements of the writing process. Students can also print their finished acrostic poems.

## 2. Book Cover Creator - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=58](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=58)

The Book Cover Creator is designed to allow users to type and illustrate front book covers, front and back covers, and full dust jackets. Students can use the tool to create new covers for books that they read as well as to create covers for books they write individually or as a class.

## 3. Character Trading Cards -

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=56](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=56)

The interactive Character Trading Cards tool is a fun and useful way for students to explore a character in a book that they are reading or as a prewriting exercise when creating characters for original stories.

## 4. Letter Generator – write a letter from the viewpoint of a character

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=5](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=5)

The Letter Generator is a useful tool for students to learn the parts of a business or friendly letter and then compose and print letters containing all the essential elements needed for both styles of correspondence.

## 5. Mystery Cube - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=59](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=59)

The Mystery Cube is a useful tool that helps students identify and summarize story elements in this popular genre. It can be used as a postreading activity for mysteries students have read or as a prewriting activity for students writing their own mysteries.

## 6. Plot Diagram - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=40](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=40)

The Plot Diagram is an organizational tool focusing on a pyramid or triangular shape, which is used to map the events in a story. This mapping of plot structure allows readers and writers to visualize the key features of stories.

## 7. Postcard Creator – write a postcard pretending to be a character from the story!

[http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=61](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=61)

The Postcard Creator helps students learn to identify all the typical parts of a postcard, and then generate their own postcard messages by typing information into letter templates. After printing their texts, students can illustrate the front of their postcards in a variety of ways, including drawing, collage, and stickers.

## 8. Stapleless Book - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=10](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=10)

Designed for teachers and students alike, the Stapleless Book can be used for taking notes while reading, making picture books, collecting facts, or creating vocabulary booklets . . . the possibilities are endless!

## 9. Story Map - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=8](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=8)

The Story Map interactive is designed to assist students in prewriting and postreading activities by focusing on the key elements of character, setting, conflict, and resolution.

## 10. Venn Diagram - [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=6](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=6)

This interactive tool allows students to create Venn Diagrams that contain two overlapping circles, enabling them to organize their information logically. Students may edit and print their finished diagrams. You might want to compare and contrast two characters, or even two books.