Somerset Literacy Network

READING RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Fiction – Years 5 & 6

Understand it! Look up any tricky words in a dictionary and write their definitions. 	**Understand it!** Find at least five interesting words in the story. Write a synonym for each. 	**Find it!** Write the names of all the key characters, with a sentence explaining their role.  	**Find it!** List five facts *eg. about characters, settings or events.* 
Summarise it! Write a paragraph (about 50 words) to summarise a chapter. 	**Summarise it!** Write a paragraph (about 50 words) to summarise the whole book. 	**Think about it!** Is there a moment of decision for a character?  Draw this character, and the two possible choices.	**Think about it!** Is there anything about this story that puzzles you? Write: *I wonder why…* 
Predict it! Draw a picture <u>with a caption</u> to say what might happen next. 	**Predict it!** Imagine the next chapter. Write the opening of this chapter. 	**Link it!** Draw the main character. Underneath list all the reasons this character is important. 	**Link it!** Write about the most important moment in this story and why it is important.  
Listen to it! Find any words used to describe a character or place in the story. 	**Listen to it!** Write down any particularly effective words the writer has chosen, and say why they are effective. 	**Compare it!** Write the names of the characters, sorting them according to your own criteria *e.g. goodies/baddies, powerful/weak.* 	**Compare it!** Is there a moment in the story where the mood changes? Write about this.  

Complete these activities in your book. Keep track of which activities you have done by ticking them off.

Remember to do as many different activities as possible – don't always do the same one!