

READING IS THINKING

END COMMENTARY EXPECTATIONS

TASK: *Write an end commentary that demonstrates your understanding of the text.*

An end commentary goes beyond basic plot summary. While the end commentary of a text can certainly include evidence of "*what does it say?*" it must go further and address "*what does it mean?*" and "*why does it matter?*" While you are reading a text you are annotating your inner voice, capturing your thinking as you read by posing questions, making connections, offering opinion, creating visuals, and making inferences.

Now, in an end commentary, you will bring your thinking together by synthesizing your ideas and the observations that you have made. It is always important to include quotations to support your ideas. In an end commentary you seek to develop connections to both self and other texts and situations, and also critically evaluate the ideas presented. Consideration of plot events, theme, character, and setting can be useful if it is a work of fiction, and in a non-fiction selection the text creator's message and purpose must be considered.

As well, observations regarding the author's presentation style can also be considered (*use of Smiley Face Tricks, irony, rhetorical devices, foreshadowing, etc.*) especially if they significantly contribute to the text presentation. In general, strive to be perceptive and insightful, demonstrating that you have moved your thinking beyond the basic facts of the text.



Where has the text taken your thinking? Reveal what is around the corner....

What does it say? What does it mean? Why does it matter?