Independent Reading Response Questions

(for fiction)

1. What kind of story had the author wanted to write? How do you know?
2. What other story does this remind you of? Why?
3. Who was the main character? What was he or she trying to do in the story, and why?
4. Choose one illustration. Tell on what page it appears. In your own words, describe what is happening in that illustration.
5. Which character in the story is most like you? Why?
6. From this story, copy down the sentence you like best. Explain why you like it.
7. What experience have you had that you were reminded of as you read this story?
8. What did you learn from this story?
9. Give the story a new title.
10. If you wanted a friend to read this story, what is one reason you could give?
11. Which event or part did you like best? Why?
12. Make up a new first sentence for the story.
13. Find three "**wild words**" in your reading that you consider to be new, interesting, beautiful, colorful, funny, or crazy. Write them down, and then use each in an original sentence.
14. What did you like about the book jacket (the cover)?
15. If the book was about animals instead of people, what animal would the main character be? Why?
16. Which character interested you the most and why?
17. What is the **conflict** (the problem) in the story?
18. What is the **climax** of the story?
19. Did the character(s) learn something in the story?
20. Did the character(s) get smarter as the story progressed?
21. Write a book map. For example:

    As I read the part about_____ it made me think about _____.

    I know how the character felt when _____ because _____.

    I was surprised when_____.

    If I had been the character I would have_____.

    My favorite part is _____ because _____.

    It made me feel _____ when _____.

    I'd like to read more books written by this author because _____.

Appendix B