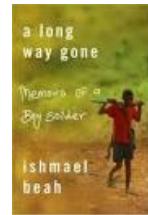


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A Long Way Gone Reading Journal

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah



Directions: In your journal, record your ideas, questions, comments, interpretations, guesses, predictions, reflections, challenges- any responses you have to *A Long Way Gone* while you are reading. Your goal is to process what you read and INTERACT with the TEXT.

Keep your reading journal with you while you are reading *A Long Way Gone*. You can stop at any time to write what comes to mind. You must have at least ONE ENTRY per CHAPTER!

*20 Entries @ 5 pts. Each = **100 pts. Total**

You may want to pause several times during your reading time to capture your thoughts while they are fresh in your mind, or you may want to read without interruption and write when you come to a stopping point such as the end of a chapter.

Each entry you make in your reading journal should include the **date**, the **chapter you're reading** and the **pages you have read** since your last entry (pages ? to ?).

Samples:

A Long Way Gone
May 10, 2014
Ch. 1
Pg. 1-17
Ishmael sounds like he's seen more than I would ever want to see. It doesn't seem fair that his childhood was filled with such horrific events that will always have a lasting impact. The rebels sound like they were ruthless and brutal. I can only imagine what is to come...

A Long Way Gone
May 11, 2014
Ch. 2
Pg. 18-20
Ishmael uses descriptive adjectives to describe his memories on page 18 when he says, "where the air smells of blood and burnt flesh." I vividly picture this scene based on his use of imagery. I can't imagine witnessing such horrific circumstances...

Sample Journal Starters

When I started reading this book/chapter, I thought...

I change my mind about...because...

My favorite part of the chapter was...

My favorite character is...because...

I was surprised when...

I predict/infer/speculate that...because...

I liked the way the author...

I didn't like...because...



The chapter reminded me of...

I would/wouldn't recommend this book to a friend because...

This chapter/quote made me feel/think/realize...

While I was reading I visualized/pictured...

The most important thing about this chapter is...

If I were (name of character), I would/wouldn't have...

What happened in this chapter was realistic/unrealistic because...

I admire (name of character) for...

One thing I've noticed about the author's style is...

I agree/disagree with the writer about...

I think the title is a good/strange/misleading choice because...

In my opinion, the most important word/sentence/paragraph/quote in this chapter is...because...

(Name of character) reminds me of myself/someone I know because...

If I could talk to (name of character), I would say...

The main point the author was trying to make in this chapter was...

(Event in book) reminded me of (something that happened to me) when...

The most significant event in the chapter was when...

The conflict in the chapter was when...