

Sample Letter

November 16, 2012

Dear Mrs. Kopari,

I have been reading a wonderful book this week. I am sure you have read it or at least watched the movie. I have to say the book is much more exciting than a movie ever could be. The book is Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowlings.

I know you have probably read this book, but I want to tell you about what I have read so far. At this point, Harry has just found out that his parents' best friend and his godfather, Sirius Black, told Voldemort where to find Harry and his family. Harry is upset and pledges to make Sirius Black pay for what he has done.

This book is so exciting. I really feel as if I am Harry. The author does a wonderful job of making you feel as if you are the characters in the book. I can understand why Harry wants to get Sirius Black back for what he did. I have felt this way about my brother when he has told on me for something I have done. I want to get him back, because usually he is just as guilty as me. Have you ever felt this way?

In last week's letter you asked what kind of books I really like to read. I love to read books like Harry Potter. I like to pretend that I can also do magic. At least while I am reading the book, I can create magic, because I am Harry.

I really can't wait to dive back into my book tonight. What was your favorite part of the book if you have already read it? I want to find out what happens to Harry and his friends next. When I finish this book, I am definitely going to read book 4!

Your student,

ImaReader

Name: _____

Reading Response Letter Grading Check List

Use the following checklist to help you write your letter.
Remember, your letter must have all of the parts in order to receive the 30 points.

Does your letter have?

- _____ Date (1 pt)
- _____ Greeting (1 pt)
- _____ All paragraphs are indented (1 pt)
- _____ Answered teacher's questions from previous letter (5 pts)
- _____ Author & Title of book and with the title properly underlined (3 pts)
- _____ Brief Summary of what you have read (3-5 sentences) (5 pts)
- _____ Made Connections to Reading; text to self, text, world (3-5 sentences) (8 pts)
- _____ What do you wonder or questions to the teacher (3pts)
- _____ Closing Comments (1 pt)
- _____ Closing (1 pt)
- _____ Signature (1 pt)

_____ / 30 = _____ % = _____