

Desc	cription of Reading Promotion Activity/ Action READING LOGS AND JOURNALS
Reaches disadvantaged pupils / families	x yes no x yes but not only
Multilingual activity	yes x no
Action especially for	girls boys x both
Involves parents	yes x no
Utilizes ICT	yes x no
Objective (s)	<ul> <li>To encourage students reflect on what they read and how they develop as readers.</li> <li>Children to share with their teachers and peers their personal responses and connections to what they are reading.</li> </ul>
Age level (s)	6-12
Preferable number of participants	1 - 30
Duration	1 - 10 minutes per log or journal entry
Setting, materials, and preparation	<ol> <li>Setting: School library, classroom, home</li> <li>Materials: Photocopied log or journal templates, bound together in a booklet format</li> </ol>
Step -by-step description	THE DAILY READING LOG: This is the simplest and easiest to complete reading log. Students fill in a simple table to keep track of their reading. The table consists of three columns: "Date", "Title of Book", and "Pages Read".
	THE DETAIL/EVENT LOG: In this log, students write down one detail or event (1-2 sentences) from their reading and give that day's reading an interest rating. Teachers can utilize this log to decide whether it's time to guide the reader to a different book.
	THE DOUBLE-ENTRY JOURNAL: Students copy a quotation from the day's reading and then write something about the passage they have chosen.



	The teacher or librarian reads the entries and provides oral or written comments to each student. The comments can vary from a single tick, just to show that the teacher has read it, to an opinion about the quotation or a suggestion about what to read next.
Notes to reading promotion facilitator	The activity should not be seen as "schoolwork." To avoid this, it should be kept simple and easy. It should take between 1 to 10 minutes only. If a struggling reader/writer needs more time to write it, then the teacher should simplify the activity for him/her and provide assistance. Otherwise, the activity will take away valuable reading time and reduce the joy of reading.
Suggested follow-up actions/ activities	<ul> <li>Students could also exchange reading logs/journals and use the entries as stimuli for book discussions.</li> </ul>
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Sources	Reynolds, M. (2004). I won't read and you can't make me:  Reaching Reluctant Teen Readers. Portsmouth, NH:  Heinemann.

