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***Welcome to your Reading Journal. We hope that this journal will become a record of your reading journey through your Junior Cycle years.***

***Boggle, discover, go wild, investigate, laugh and enjoy your JCSP Reading Journal.***

# My Reading Journal

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# My Reading Journal

## ALL ABOUT ME.....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I like to: \_\_\_\_\_

My favourite author is: \_\_\_\_\_

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My favourite book is: \_\_\_\_\_

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My favourite singer is: \_\_\_\_\_

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My favourite sport is: \_\_\_\_\_

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My favourite hobby is: \_\_\_\_\_

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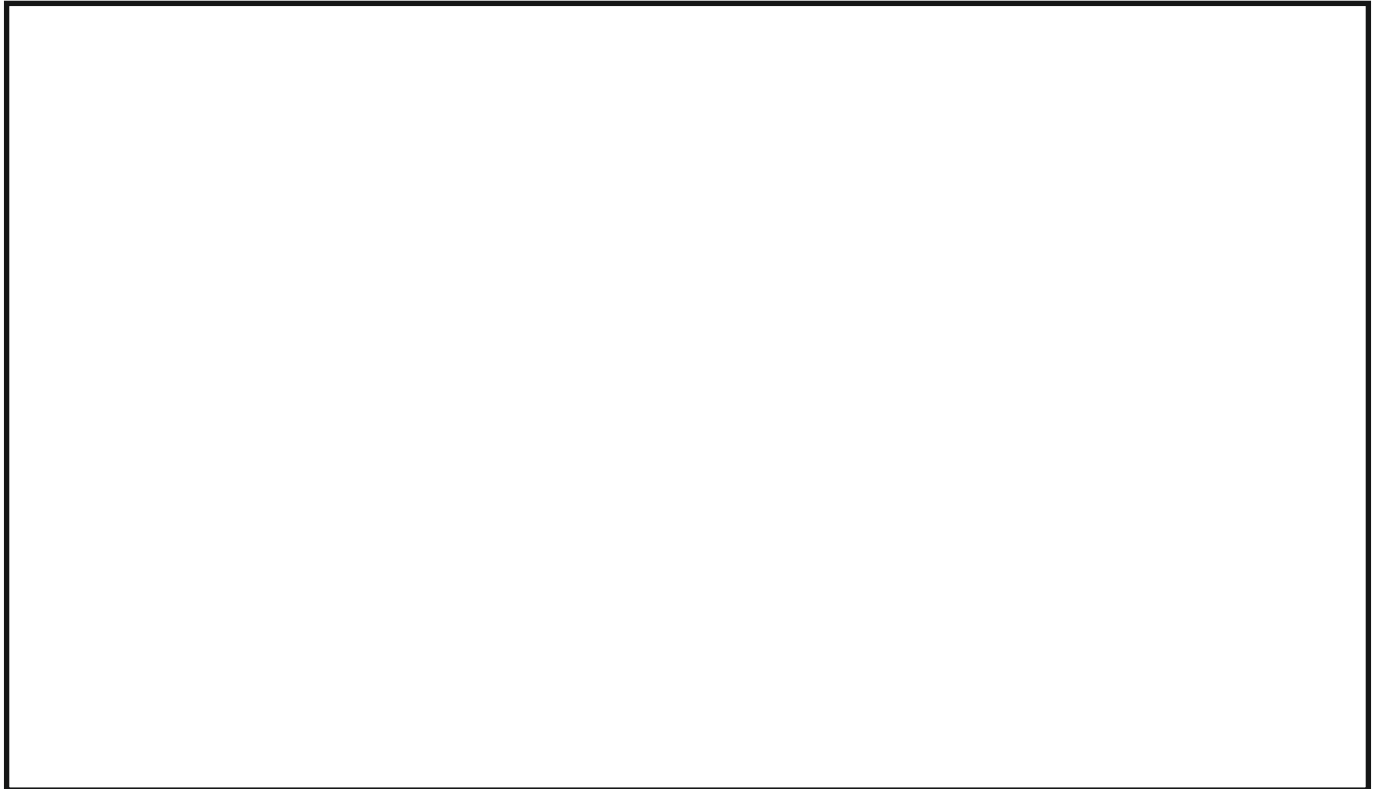
My favourite film is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## ALL ABOUT ME.....

Photo of me reading



My favourite place to read: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I like stories about: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My favourite magazine is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to write a book about: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOKS I HAVE READ

**Author**

**Title**

**Star Rating**

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## BOOKS I HAVE READ

**Author**

**Title**

**Star Rating**

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## AUTHORS I HAVE MET

Author's Name

Books by this Author

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Where I met this Author: \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions asked of the Author: e.g. when did you first start writing?

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What did you learn about the Author? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you enjoy meeting the Author? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Photos of Author:-



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Author's Name

Books by this Author

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Why? 

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Photos of Author:-

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## HOW TO WRITE A BOOK REVIEW

1. Always use a full sentence when you are writing a book review.
2. Write a sentence about the type of book you have chosen.
  - A. Is it a fiction book or an information book?
  - B. Is it a horror/romance/historical/sport/biography?
3. Give reasons why you chose this book.
  - A. Did you read the blurb?
  - B. Did you like the cover?
4. Write a few sentences that say what the book is about?
5. If you chose a fiction book, describe the main characters in the story.
  - A. Who are they?
  - B. What are they like?
6. Write about the type of person who would enjoy reading this book?
  - A. Is it for boys/girls/children of all ages?
  - B. To whom would you recommend this book?
7. Give the book a mark out of ten and say why you gave the book this mark.
  - A. If you give the book ten out of ten say why.
  - B. If you deduct (take away) marks, explain why.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Write about a book you like. Why do you like it? Who is your favourite character?

These words may help you:

*happy funny easy kind scary fiction information  
difficult interesting pictures words*

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

I like this book because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My favourite character is: \_\_\_\_\_

because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.



# My Reading Journal

## BOOK REVIEW

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Marks out of ten: \_\_\_\_\_

Name the main characters: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is/are your favourite character/s? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the story about? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you like the book? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOK REVIEW

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_ Marks out of ten: \_\_\_\_\_

I would recommend this book to:

Girls

Boys

What is the book about? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you think of this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOK REVIEW

Write about a book you like. Why do you like it? Who is your favourite character?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

I like this book because: \_\_\_\_\_

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My favourite character is: \_\_\_\_\_

because: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOK REVIEW

**Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Setting: Where and when does the story take place?**

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**Characters: Who are the main characters and what are they like?**

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**Plot: What is the plot?**

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**What background information do you know about the characters and the setting?**

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**Why do you think the author planned the plot this way?**

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## BOOK REVIEW

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of person would enjoy this story and why?

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State one thing you would do differently in the story and why.

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Write a 'Newsflash' about the story. The newsflash should focus on making the listener want to read it.

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## Parts of a book - BLURB

Select a fiction book you have read: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your favourite character? \_\_\_\_\_

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Plot: What is the plot?

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Write your own blurb for this book:

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# My Reading Journal

## PARTS OF A BOOK - CHARACTER

Select a fiction book you have read: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your favourite character from the book.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a character from a book.

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## PARTS OF A BOOK - COVER

Select a fiction book you have read: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Design a book cover for your favourite book.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a book cover. It occupies the lower half of the page.



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## MY READING QUIZ

### FINISH THE WORDS

Can you finish these words?

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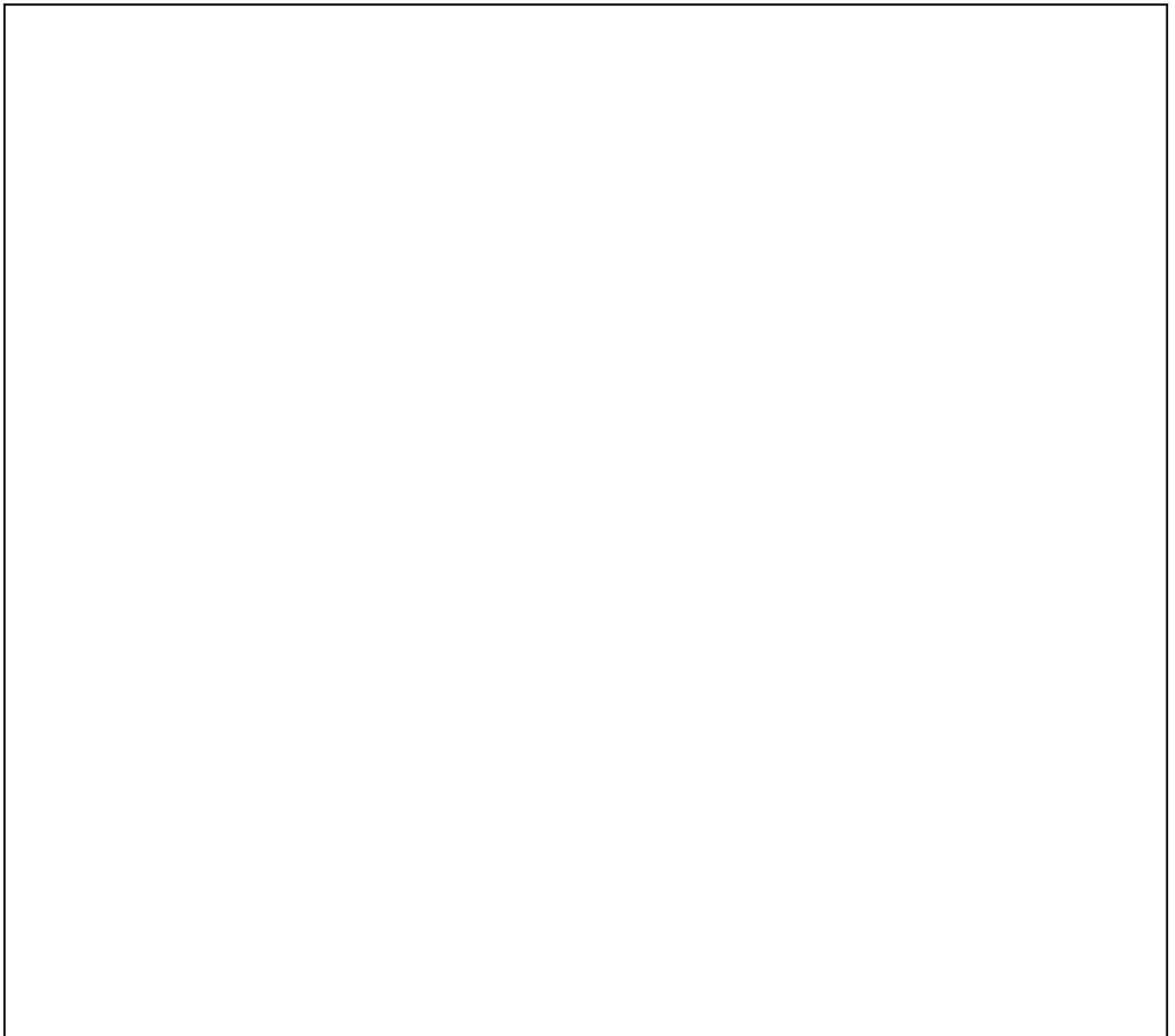
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## MY READING JOURNAL - CARTOON SCENE

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a cartoon scene from your favourite book.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a cartoon scene from a favorite book.



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## READING RECORD

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Date the event took place: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the event was celebrated: \_\_\_\_\_

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JCSP Statement achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Photo of the event: \_\_\_\_\_

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# My Reading Journal

## READING RECORD

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date the event took place:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe how the event was celebrated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**JCSP Statement achieved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Photo of the event:**

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## MAKE A BOOK

What was the book about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where was it exhibited and when? \_\_\_\_\_

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When our school went to the exhibition: \_\_\_\_\_

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JCSP Statement achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Photo of our Make A Book:



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## MY READING JOURNAL PHOTOS

