Readers Use Punctuation to Find the Author’s Message.
- parentheses (gives extra info)
- hyphen to show an interruption
- quotation marks tell when someone is speaking
- exclamation point shows excitement
- italics tell us when the author wants us to pay extra attention to words
- question mark tell us to change expression

Good Readers Check for UNDERSTANDING!
Readers react.
Read the summary to get information.
Use context clues or dictionaries to learn new vocabulary.
Reread to understand.
Identify the characteristics of genre.
Notice when something does not make sense.
Stop and think.

Ways Readers Solve Words
1. Use context clues
2. Use a dictionary
3. Break them down (compound words, prefixes, suffixes)
4. Use prior knowledge
5. Look for author’s clue or message
6. Reread for meaning
7. Read around the words.
   Ask for help.
   Stop and think.
Proofreading Your Journal

1. Reread to make sure it makes sense.
2. Respond to the reader’s questions.
3. Edit punctuation
4. Include evidence of thinking
5. Check the greeting and closing
6. Include at least 3 paragraphs

Topics for Your Journal Response

- Connections (between text and world)
- Inferences (include evidence)
- Questions you have
- Interesting facts/characters
- Author’s Language
- New Vocabulary
- Opinions
- Summary