

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Write about settings, events, and/or people that your book reminded you of including similarities and differences between your memories and what happened in the book. Make sure to include the information below.

1. Similarities between your memories and selected details from your book
2. Differences between your memories and selected details from your book
3. Your emotional response to selected details from your book

Below your paragraphs, DISSECT at least 10 difficult words you encountered while reading. Next to each word, include the page number from the book where the word was found.

## YOU MUST TURN IN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR PROJECT.

RUBRIC	I'm not there yet (1 pt.)	I'm getting there (3 pts.)	I'm there now (5 pts.)
Information about the book	My responses present little or no detail about personal memories related to settings, events, or people in my book.	My response presents some details about personal memories related to settings, events, or people related to my book.	My response presents specific detail about personal memories of settings, events, or people related to my book.
Reasoning	My response includes little or no detail about my emotional response.	My response includes some detail about my emotional response.	My response includes extensive detail about my emotional response.
Spelling, grammar and punctuation	I did not check my work and there are many spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I checked my work but I missed a few spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I completely checked my work and it is well written with no errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation.
Neatness and effort	I did not put forth my best effort so my response is not the best it can be.	My response is fairly readable but the neatness and effort does not show my best work.	My response is neat and it is easy to read.
Completeness of information	My response includes few of the items in the directions.	My response includes less than half of the items in the directions.	My response includes all of the items in the directions.

Student example for reference only:

Book Title: *Yakuza Moon*

Author: Shoko Tendo

*My book's title is YAKUZA MOON, an autobiography of a girl named Shoko Tendo. She was the daughter of a yakuza, a gangster. This book tells about the ups and downs of her life, and sometimes it's really hard to believe what she has gone through. But I believe it's one book that you feel like you can connect to.*

*Some of the similarities between the book and my own life are how Shoko wants to fit in with the "crowd." She wants to be able to be like everyone around her especially her older sister. I know I've always wanted to fit in and be like everybody else—especially my sisters. But I finally discovered that you shouldn't have to fit in to be liked or do what everyone else does because you should be yourself. It doesn't matter if your friends dress the same or can draw or even have a boyfriend or girlfriend: you shouldn't have to follow everything that the people do around you. You should work and do things at your own pace. Don't look at what your friends do or how your sister or brother acts. Be yourself. This is exactly what the girl in the book came to realize.*

*The parts that were different in the book to my own life and memories are how Shoko took the wrong turns in life. Everybody makes mistakes in life but most of the time we realize that we made the mistakes and we try to fix them. But Shoko did not. It started with one little thing but that one little error grew bigger and bigger and started to snowball into a big mess and she didn't want to try to fix it. This is where I think she made a very big mistake. If she would have tried to fix it, I'm sure it would have been okay or at least better than what it was. Like me, I think a lot of people can relate to not doing anything about a problem. I'm realizing that you should always try to fix a problem before it starts to get out of hand and that's what I try to do.*

*I was really content to find that Shoko changed her life in the end of the book and was trying finally to fix the mistakes that she had made in the past. I really did not think that she would be able to fix everything that she did in the past, but it almost made me feel proud for her. YAKUZA MOON really impacted me and that's why I loved reading it.*