Reading Thoughts

What kind of reading thought did you have today that helped you comprehend the text? Pick one comprehension thought you had and explain it on the lines below.

Here are some ideas for how to explain your thought:

• **Connection** - “I made a connection to the part of the book when *(add detail)*… This reminds me of…

• **Wondering** - “I wonder… I am wondering this because *(add detail)*…”

• **Predicting** - “I predict that… I think this will happen because *(add detail)*…”

• **Picturing** - “I can picture the part when *(add detail)*… What I picture in my mind is…”

• **Figuring out** - “I figured out that the character ________ is ____________… I figured this out because *(add detail)*…”

Remember to support your thinking with specific details from the text!
What you need to do to write an excellent reading response:

1. Write the date in the upper right corner.
2. Be sure to write the name of the book (underlined) and the author.
3. Write a short summary that tells what happened in the part of the book that you just read. Start this paragraph with, “In the part of the book I just read...”
4. Explain your summary using at least one detail from the text for your first idea.
5. For the second paragraph, look at the “Reading Thoughts” list and pick a reading thought to write about.
6. Start your second paragraph with a prompt from the “Reading Thoughts” list.
7. Again, explain your thinking using at least one detail from the text to prove your reading thought.
8. Reread your response to make sure it is the best you can do and that you have spelled available words correctly.

You should now have a “2” response!

Sample Response:  

October 24, 2012  
The BFG  
By Roald Dahl

In the part of the book I just read, Sophie and the BFG are having breakfast with the queen of England. They are telling her about the nine horrible giants and asking for her help to stop them. The BFG is using a pitchfork for a fork, a shovel for a spoon, and a sword for a knife. He wanted to whizzpop for the queen, and he did it even though Sophie asked him not to!

I could picture the part when The BFG was shoveling down whole plates full of breakfast. The book said he “scooped up all the eggs, bacon, sausages, and potatoes in one go and shoveled them into his enormous mouth.” What I picture in my mind is an overflowing shovel of food being dumped into his open mouth, with some of it missing and splattering on the floor. I can picture his eyes opening wide when he tastes how much better it is than snozzcumbbers.