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Period

**Reading Log #8**

Due: Wednesday, December 14th

**Directions:** To receive full credit on this reading log you must read **10 minutes** **every *weekday***. That is a total of **100 minutes every 2 weeks.** If you miss a day you may make up the time on a different day. Record your reading every day that you read.

🟊 **You must also complete the writing assignment on the back to receive credit.** 🟊

Book Title(s):

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**Directions:** As you read this week, pay close attention to the language the author uses. Choose a few paragraphs from your book that you can “find” a poem in.

Step 1**:** Pick one excerpt from your book.

Step 2: Study the words you found. Focus on images and pictures that the author shares. Focus on important phrases that characters say. Ask yourself: *What is the main point the author is trying to get across?*

Step 3: Write out the paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. Circle the most important words.

Step 4: Cross out everything that’s dull, unnecessary, or sounds bad. Cross out the words that you do not want to use. You should cross out at least HALF of the words in the excerpt.

Step 5: Read through the excerpt again. Cross our half of the remaining words. (There should only be about ¼ of the words left.)

Step 6: Make a list of all the words and phrases that you did not cross out.

Step 7: Arrange the words in your list so they look and sound like a poem. You may want to get rid of a few more words as you are arranging your poem. You may add a few words to the poem so that it makes sense.

Title of your book:

Title of your poem:

Poem: