

REFLECTIVE READING TEMPLATE

Your reflective reading passage:

Day One: Read and Re-read

I have read the passage in both a formal translation (KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV, or CSB) and a functional translation (NIV, NLT, or NCV). Highlight the correct answer.

- Yes
- No

Answer the following questions:

1. Exposition (Background/Setting)

- a. *Who* is the author of this and what was going on in their life at the time?

- b. When was this biblical book written and what was the culture like during that time?

- c. Who is the author writing or speaking to during this passage and why was he writing to them?

2. What is the Rising Action? (The rising action is the moments in your story that lead up to the climax — often the choices your main characters have made and the events happening that are at odds with God's goals)

2. What is the Climax (What is the primary turning point in the story? Sometimes this may require a little more reflecting and rereading.)

4. What is the falling action? (What happens after the climax of the story before it concludes?)

5. What is the Conclusion?(How does the story end?)

Day Two: Reflect on what you have read by answering the following question. You may need to reference your passage.

1. If there is dialogue in the passage, who is speaking and who are they speaking to?

2. What questions are asked in the passage?

3. Go through each paragraph and write down what words, phrases, or instructions stand out to you.

4. What questions do you have as you read this passage?

5. Teaching Point. (Explain what you think the author and God is trying to communicate in this passage to all of mankind)

6. Summarize the passage from beginning to end in your own words:

Day Four: Application State and explain 1 point of application for your life for each of these four questions. Your explanation for each of these points should be a minimum of 3-4 sentences.

1. Moral Direction. What is the motivating awareness of ethical responsibility that this passage is trying to convey to mankind and to you as an individual?

2. What type of Character should we develop as a result of reading this passage? (Character is a set of qualities, or values, that shape our thoughts, actions, reactions and feelings.)

4. What are your goals after reading this chapter? (Specific steps you can take to achieve what God is asking you to do in this passage.

5. What is God's Holy Spirit convicting you about/motivating you to change in your own life after reading this passage?

Day 5: Pray *Use this space to formulate a prayer to God, dialoguing with Him about what he may be speaking to you in this passage:*

Day Six: Respond *Use this space to contemplate how God may be asking you to respond to this passage in your life with him. Write down some specific changes, implications, or actions pertaining to this scripture.*