

## Free-Write Entries

Do not write or annotate the text while you are reading it. Read it in full first and then begin writing down your thoughts about what you just read. Try not to think too much about what it is you are writing, and just let go. The purpose here is to allow the process of writing to do the “thinking” for you, and to let the reading sink in.

In the following example, a fifth-grade reader responds to a chapter in the novel *Kavik, the Wolf Dog*

Chapter 6
If you were Andy, wouldn't you be mad if you nursed Kavik so long and then you had to give him back? If I was Andy, I would be mad. I would've been especially mad if I didn't get to say goodbye to Kavik.