

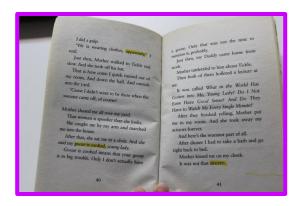
## Hello Friends

I created and use this packet of reading response comprehension questions to use with my "independent" readers who are ready to dig deeper into what they are reading. <u>Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy Valentime</u> by Barbara Park is a 2.I (DRA 24) reading level.

When I meet with my small group I have them bring their book and reading response sheet from the previous chapter they completed independently. First, we discuss the main events of what they read and each child shares their responses to the questions. I give my students time to comment or question other student's responses. Next, we preview vocabulary words in context to clarify meaning before they read independently. Last, each child reads the chapter and completes responses independently before our group meets again. My students have greatly enjoyed the independence, have continued or ignited their love of reading, have become much deeper critical thinkers and can better communicate their thinking with other students.



I hope your students enjoy it too! Christina



I highlight the vocabulary words in the books so students can easily find them while we preview AND so students recall them as a word we discussed while reading independently.

