**Example Reader Response:**

Miss Wright
September 6, 2016
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Reader Response Journal 1

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In the chapters I read through the week, Prudence quit school (she’s around high school age) and started working for Doctor George Soper, an employee for the Department of Health and Sanitation. Normally, women never got jobs like the one she did, so Prudence often feels out of place. She’s excited to learn about disease and medicine. Her fascination comes from her father who went missing in battle years ago. Her brother benny also died of an infection after an accident. Prudence hopes to learn about death so that things like what happened to her brother can be avoided. She and Soper started trying to figure out what was causing so many people to get sick. They are going from house to house like detectives, interviewing the affected families.

As I read Deadly, the biggest struggle I am facing is finding time to read when I’m so busy. By the time I finish up my work for school, I’m too exhausted to read and just end up watching television to relax before bed. Since I don’t get to read that often, I have trouble remembering what has already happened in the book. I try going back to reskim what I’ve already read, but sometimes that isn’t enough. I am going to try to set aside 20 minutes each day to read, and I’ll set a goal for the week on how many chapters I want to get through. This week, I’m going to tackle the next five chapters of the book.

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