

Book Club Game

Book postcards

Age group: young learners, teens, adults

It is a short writing activity that can focus on a scene in the story or on the whole book.

It can be used for:

- writing a summary,
- describing a scene,
- describing the characters,
- giving an opinion about the storyline.

Some steps to follow:

- Ask your students to decide if they would like to be one of the characters in the story or if they would like to be themselves.
- Then ask them to imagine that they are part of a scene, and they are writing to you or to their best friend about their feelings, where they are, and the things that have happened to them.
- Cut out postcard size pieces of paper from cardboard or any other strong paper.
- Ask your students to draw a scene or a character, or to design a book cover on one side of the postcard.
- Then ask them to write their messages on the other side of the postcard.
- You can use the postcards as bookmarks or you can create a display board with the nicest cards.
- If your students have friends living far away, you can ask them to mail the cards as real postcards.

For example, this is a postcard from a visitor in the novel *Jane Eyre*:

Dear Emily,

Jane and I had a great weekend. It was very windy and cold outside so we stayed inside and played card games and talked about places we'd like to visit. Jane is such a smart and kind girl! Thornfield Hall is a huge house and sometimes I worry about getting lost in it. Tomorrow some visitors are coming to stay. I'll send you more news later this week.

*Love,
Elisabeth*