

# Summer Reading Response Journal

## DIRECTIONS

A response journal requires you to reflect on what you've read using examples from the story. You will be writing a total of five journal entries as you read one of your two summer reading books. Make sure you use a different book than the one you use for your plot diagram. Refer to the Summer Reading Novel Choice List for your grade level. Directions for these journals are as follows:

\* You are required to write five entries for one of your books (one entry at the beginning of the book, one entry 1/4 of the way through the book, one entry 1/2 of the way through the book, one entry 3/4 of the way through the book, and one entry at the end of the book).

\* Each entry MUST be at least 5 - 7 sentences.

\* You need to write your journal entries from the point of view of one of the prominent characters in the novel.

\* Keep in mind that you are thinking about and responding to what you've read, and not writing summaries. However, I expect to see references to events or characters from the book in your reactions. Ideas for entries and entry starters are listed below.

## POSSIBLE JOURNAL

### ENTRY TOPICS

\* Make a prediction of what might happen in the future chapters of the book

\* Reflect on events up to that point in the book from the character's point of view

\* Explore the deeper thoughts and feelings that the character has about things that have happened in the book.

\* Go into more detail about a conflict or something the character is struggling with

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Entry 1      \_\_\_/20

Entry 2      \_\_\_/20

Entry 3      \_\_\_/20

Entry 4      \_\_\_/20

Entry 5      \_\_\_/20

\* If an entry has more than 5 grammatical errors, 5 points will be deducted. See below for what is considered a grammatical error.

## GRAMMATICAL ERRORS

\* Run-on sentences and fragments

\* Misspelled words

\* Incorrect use of punctuation

\* For this assignment, it is OK to use contractions and first-person pronouns since you are writing in the voice / from the point of view of one of the prominent characters in the novel.

## HOW TO FORMAT YOUR JOURNAL

\* The assignment can be completed either on paper or electronically and submitted online.

\* Make sure your assignment is stapled if you turn it in on paper and it is more than one page.

\* Make sure that your name, your teacher's name, your class period, and the date are in the top left corner of the assignment.

\* Each entry should have the set of chapters the entry covers. For example: Chapters 1 - 4, Chapters 5 - 8, etc.

\* Each entry can be on its own page or they can be on the same page(s) with a space between them.