

# DIALECTICAL JOURNAL TEMPLATE PROCEDURE:

- During reading, choose passages that stand out to you and record them in the left-hand column of the chart (*Always* include page numbers or paragraph numbers for shorter texts).
- In the right column, write your response to the text (ideas/insights, questions, reflections, and comments on each passage)

Please label your responses using the following codes:

**(E) Evaluate**—make a judgment about what the author is trying to communicate  
**(Q) Question**—ask about something in the passage that is unclear or confusing  
**(C) Connect**—make a connection to your life, the world, or another text **(P) Predict**—anticipate what will occur next based on what you’ve read so far **(CL) Clarify**—answer earlier questions or confirm/repudiate a prediction **(R) Reflect**—think critically about what the passage means in a broad sense—not just to the characters in the story or the author of the piece. What conclusions can you draw about the world, human nature, or life in general?

| Passages from the text | Pg #/Paragraph | Code + Analysis (Use at least 3 different codes per assignment) |
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