Journal Topics for Independent Book
For each topic, include the date and answer the prompt with a complete paragraph.

May 20, 2019 First Impressions

What is your first impression of the book you're reading? (Do you think you'll like it? What do you think it will be about? What kinds of ideas might it be about?) *Be sure to explain **WHY** (give *specific* evidence) you think these things.

May 21, 2019 Theme
What themes are emerging in your book? How can you tell? Explain and give specific examples.

May 23, 2019 Prediction
Make a prediction about your story. Give reasons why you think this will happen.

May 28, 2019 Mood
What is the mood of the book/short story now (claim)? Explain what contributes to that mood (evidence) using specifics and include reasoning that ties the evidence to your claim.

May 29, 2019 Plot Changes
What has changed in your plot since you began reading? Anything unexpected? Explain with specifics.

May 30, 2019 Characterization
Choose one character from your book. What one word best describes them (claim)? Explain your claim with specific examples (evidence) and tell how those examples make your character fit that description (reasoning).

May 31, 2019 Review

How are you liking your book so far? What works, what doesn't? What are you hoping to see in it once you've read further? Give specifics to illustrate your points.