

Dialectical Journal for Independent Novel

A Dialectical journal is a journal that records a dialogue, or conversation, between the ideas in the text (the words that you are reading) and your ideas as a reader (your thoughts, questions, insights, reactions as you read). This is what you will do in your journal - record your dialogue with what you are reading.

- You must include **5 entries for each half of the book (10 in all)**. Of those 5 entries for each half, **2 of the 5 must include a literary element**.
- **Complete the document on Google Assignments. Share it with me and submit in Canvas.**
- Each time you read the text, use this document to show a record of your interaction with the text.
- In the left hand column provided below, copy down a section of the text you wish to comment on, **along with the page number** where it appears in the book. Feel free to use ellipses (...) to shorten the amount of text you need to copy--just make sure to provide the beginning and end of the section you're referring to.
- In the right hand column, write your reactions, questions, connections to your own life experience or something else that you have encountered in your reading or viewing, and discoveries. In addition, identify **literary elements** and how they contribute to the meaning of the text as a whole (for example, foreshadowing, conflict, irony, theme). Include a variety of responses (not all questions, for example).
- Write in complete sentences. **Each entry should contain at least two sentences.**
- Add boxes as needed.

Page Number/Textual Excerpt	Your response/Label
<p>Example:</p> <p>7 “I rolled back onto the lawn and pressed my forehead to the ground again and made the noise that Father calls groaning. I make this noise when there is too much information coming into my head from the outside world.”</p>	<p>This quote is significant because it gives insight into the mind of an autistic child. It helps me to understand why autistic children react the way they do. It is also an example of how the author reveals an internal conflict that Christopher feels when faced with confusing social situations.</p>

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