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"I, Myself"

In-class *Macbeth* Assessment: Reading Journal

Directions: As you read the poem, keep track of your observations and reading strategies to help you comprehend these texts and improve as a critical reader.

Clues that I noticed while I was reading (specific quotations, symbols, characters, events, etc.)	The bigger picture that I'm starting to see because of each clue (questions, inferences, patterns, characterization, analysis, etc.)	Strategies I used to uncover the bigger picture (see blue bookmark).
<i>"I remember...crouching behind a crumbling mud wall, peeking into the alley near the frozen creek." (1)</i>	<i>Why was the narrator in an alley, and why was he "peeking"? Seems like he saw something he wasn't supposed to see (that's why he's "crouching"), and he's experiencing a sense of shame.</i>	<i>Questioning Inference</i>

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English 10 In-class Assessment: "I, Myself" and *Macbeth*

First, using your three-columned reading journal, work your way through "I, Myself" by closely reading the poem's significant **images, metaphors, symbols, word choices**, and any other noteworthy elements. What larger **patterns** do they form?

Next, write a single analytical paragraph in which you compare the conflict of the speaker in Angel Gonzalez's "I, Myself," to the conflict of a character in the first three acts of *Macbeth*. Remember that conflicts may be internal or external. Collectively, what theme (bigger meaning) do these characters' struggles convey?

Please follow the same conventions of writing a synthesis essay that we just employed in our essays first semester, including a strong opening sentence, a thesis, two or three specific examples, lead-ins and lead-outs, and a concluding sentence. Remember that your goal is to defend your thesis.

"I Myself" by Angel Gonzalez

I myself
met me face to face at a crossing.
I saw on me
a stubborn expression, and a hardness
in the eyes, like
a man who'd stop at nothing.

The road was narrow, and I said to me:
"Stand aside, make way,
for I have to get to such and such a place."

But I was not strong, and my enemy
fell upon me with all the weight of my flesh,
and I was left defeated in the ditch.

That's the way it happened, and I never could
reach that place, and ever since
my body walks by itself, getting lost,
distorting whatever plans I make.