



# Dual Entry Journal Instructions

## What's the purpose of a double-entry journal?

The purpose of double-entry journal (DEJ) is to give you an opportunity to express your thoughts and become more involved with the material you encounter. You will need to do Double-entry Journals for the pieces we will be reading this year.

## How does it work?

You will divide your page into two with a vertical line down the center. On the left side, you will copy down short quotes from the original text that you find interesting in some way. In the right column, you will write your personal responses to the quotes on the left.

## What should I write?

Write your reactions to the quote that you chose. Your reactions can include your own opinions, disagreements, interpretations, events in your life that the quote reminds you of, comments about grammar, and guesses about the meaning of new words).

## How is a DEJ helpful?

Double-entry journals allow you to pick out the parts that YOU think are important, and to ask the questions that YOU have. Reading this way will help you improve your comprehension and vocabulary. It will also help you remember the material better.

**Below are examples of how to set up the page in you marble notebook possible and some examples of points you may wish to consider:**

<b>QUOTES: Write the exact quote indicating page #</b>	<b>My Thoughts on this passage</b>
Quote from the text	Visual commentary (drawings, visual analogies, doodles)
Quote from the text	Reactions (“This bugs, annoys, moves . . . me because . . .”), reflections (“I wonder if. . .”), musings (“Hmmm...”), questions (“I wonder why...”) with possible answers (“Maybe because . . .”)
Quote from text	Social Questions (Race, class, gender issues)
Quote from text	Naming Literary Techniques/devises/terms: i.e. foreshadowing, metaphor, symbolism, etc.