

Dialectical Journal

Directions:

- Select a novel of your choice.
- As you read, choose sections of your reading that stand out to you and record them in the left-hand column of the chart (Always include page and paragraph number)
- In the right column, write your response to the text using the sentence starters below (ideas/insights, questions, reflections, and comments on each passage)
- You must label your responses using the following codes:

✓ **(Q) Question-** ask about something in the passage that is unclear

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| ▪ I wonder... | ▪ What if ... |
| ▪ Why... | ▪ I don't understand... |
| ▪ It confused me that ... | ▪ How could... |

✓ **(C) Connect-** make a connection to your life, the world, or another text

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| ▪ That reminds me of... | ▪ I have schema for ... |
| ▪ I'm remembering... | ▪ I can relate to... |
| ▪ I have a connection to ... | ▪ I can recall... |

✓ **(P) Predict –** anticipate what will occur based on what's in the passage

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| ▪ My guess is... | ▪ I predict... |
| ▪ I think... | ▪ Perhaps... |

✓ **(CL) Clarify-** answer earlier questions or confirm/disaffirm a prediction

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| ▪ Now I understand... | ▪ I was right about... |
| ▪ I was wrong about... | ▪ It is now clear to me that... |

✓ **(R) Reflect-** think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense- not just to the characters in the story/author of the article. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature or just the way things work?

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| ▪ It's interesting that... | ▪ I believe this means... |
| ▪ I'm interpreting this as... | ▪ Another way of saying this... |

✓ **(E) Evaluate-** make a judgment about what the author is trying to say

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| ▪ I think the author is trying to say that... | ▪ One thing that we should notice... |
| ▪ I'm changing my mind about... | ▪ What's important here... |

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Title of Book: _____

| The Book Says... (select a quote from your book) | I say... (record your thoughts) |
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| Example: "My grandpa would almost always be outside the shop, and my grandma was usually baking a desert." pg. 2 ¶3 | (P) <u>My guess is</u> that the narrator lives with his/her grandparents. |
| "I loved to visit their house in Eureka..." pg. 5 ¶2 | (Q) <u>I wonder</u> where Eureka is located? |
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Visualizing

- Visualizing is using the words from your book to create mental images (a movie in your head).

Directions:

1. Select a scene from your novel that creates a vivid image in your head.
2. Write a brief summary of what is happening in that scene and the page number.

3. In the box below illustrate your mental image.

