

Exemplary Sample Dialectical Journal Entries (Quotes and Notes)

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Book Title/Author: Hatchet, Gary Paulsen
Total pages: 195

| (Quotes) From Text | Pg # | (Notes) From Me |
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| <p>“ ‘Thanks. It’s really nice.’ But the words sounded hollow, even to Brian.”</p> | p.8 | <p>“Why does Brian feel that way about getting a hatchet from his Mom? If the words sound hollow to Brian, he must not mean it. Why is he mad at his Mom?”</p> <p><i>Asking questions</i></p> |
| <p>“No roads, no trails, no clearings. Just the lakes, and it came to him that he would have to use a lake for landing. If he went down into the trees he was certain to die.”</p> | p.23 | <p>I can’t imagine keeping my cool in a situation like this. I’d be on my cell phone, freaking out & he’s trying to land the plane! I guess it’s important to keep your cool in a crisis.</p> <p><i>Reaction to text</i></p> |
| <p>“Now, with the thought of the burger, the emptiness roared at him. He could not believe the hunger, had never felt this way. The lake water had filled his stomach, but left it hungry, and not it demanded food, screamed for food.”</p> <p>7 additional entries would continue on for a minimum of 10 entries. Page numbers will indicate selections from beginning, middle and end of book.</p> | p.48 | <p>It’s weird how Brian’s stomach is like a character now, driving his behavior. I’ve been hungry before, but never like that. Is he going to start eating things that are poison because he is so hungry?</p> <p><i>Observation of author craft and connections</i></p> |

An Exemplary Double-Entry Journal Contains The Following:

- Total number of entries are 10 or more for the entire book.
- Each “From Text” entry is 1 or more complete sentence.
- “From Text” entries are from the entire book (beginning, middle and end). This is indicated by page numbers.
- Each “From Text” entry contains zero (0) spelling errors.
- All “From Me” entries have 2 or more complete sentences and demonstrate fully developed thoughts or connections about the text.

Inadequate Sample Dialectical Journal Entries (Quotes and Notes)

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| (Quotes) From Text | pg. # | (Notes) From Me |
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| <p>“It kept coming back to that. He had nothing.” <i>No page number indicated.</i></p> | | <p>I know how that feels. I have nothing too. <i>This connection is rather shallow. It needs more elaboration.</i></p> |
| <p>“Things wer bad, he thout, but maybe not that bad.” <i>This text excerpt has 2 mis-spellings and does not include a page number.</i></p> <p><i>Journals with less than 10 entries are not considered exemplary.</i></p> | | <p>I feel that way sometimes too. <i>Again, this connection does not appear to have any thought behind it, just a hasty response to complete the task.</i></p> |

An Inadequate Double Entry Journal Contains:

- Fewer than 10 entries from the book.
- Quotations from the text contain many mis-spelled words.
- “From Text” entries indicate the entire book may not have been read.
- “From Me” entries demonstrate incomplete thoughts or connections and seem hastily written. Entries lack elaboration.