

English 10 • OF MICE AND MEN • Dialectic Journal Instructions

Instructions

AS WE READ John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men*, you are to keep a dialectic journal for *each* chapter of the book, using the packet received in class.

QUOTES	RESPONSES
<p>ON THE <i>left</i> side, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Questions ◆ Observations about the writer ◆ Memories called to mind ◆ Specific words, phrases, quotes ◆ Facts, concepts ◆ Ideas/Main Points ◆ Summaries ◆ Speculations <p>MAKE SURE your quotes are on the left side and responses are on the right. Please skip a line between entries.</p> <p>EXAMPLE:</p> <p><i>“Don’t even remember who that lady was? That was your Aunt Clara. An’ she stopped giving ‘em to ya. You always killed ‘em.” (9)</i></p> <p><i>(Be sure to put the page number—you can use ellipses!)</i></p>	<p>ON THE <i>right</i> side, comment and connect your thoughts and immediate actions to the notes you wrote on the left side with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Questions about diction, syntax, observations, or summaries ◆ Interpretations ◆ Elaborations ◆ Arguments ◆ Relationships to other texts, experiences, media ◆ Reflections <p>MATCH comments and connections you make on the right side and write the word count after each response.</p> <p><i>George is constantly putting Lenny down and calling him names. It seems like he doesn’t want Lennie to follow him or travel with him. Lennie obviously has some problems understanding and remembering situations and circumstances. I wonder what problems this will lead to. Is this foreshadowing a problem at the next ranch? (52 words)</i></p>

Assignment Requirements

- ★ AT LEAST **three** quotes and responses for each dialectic journal (meaning each chapter).
- ★ TOTAL WORD COUNT for *all* three responses should equal at least 200 words.
- ★ CONTENT SHOULD BE about analysis, *not* plot summary—look at the rich dialect, figurative language, word choice and sentence structure that Steinbeck uses throughout the novel.
- ★ IF YOU NEED additional paper or find more than three quotes you want to respond to, please attach it to the back of the packet and make a note.