**Response Journal **

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| We will write many of these throughout your freshman year; it would be a super, time-saving idea to create a template of your own – customized with your own fonts and colors. However, you may choose to use the template already prepared for you if you’d like; it’s set up just the way we like it – just check out the second page! ☺ |
| **Example: How to Organize Your Response Journal Entries** |
| **Your Name:** The *first two lines* are only necessary for the **first** entry in your journal |
| **Novel Title & Author** |   |
| **Excerpt(s) or Quote(s) w/ Page Numbers** | **Possible Response Prompts- use these sentence stems to get you thinking… how can you connect with the quote? You don’t have to use all of these, but you must write 10 quotes with responses (five – seven sentences) -- try to use a variety of starters.**  |
|   | *I really don't understand this because…* |
|   | *I really like/dislike this idea because…* |
|   | *This idea/event seems to be important because…* |
|   | *I think the authority is trying to say that…* |
|   | *This passage reminds me of a time in my life when…* |
|   | *If I were (name of character), at this point I would…* |
|   | *This part doesn't make sense because…* |
|   | *This character reminds me of (name of person) because…* |
|   | *What do you think or feel about what is going on in this passage? Comments? Ideas? Opinions? Questions?* |
|   | *Explain, show, or interpret how this passage is important. What is it showing? What do you learn or see? New insights? Significance? What do you learn from the quote/text?* |
|   | *Make a personal connection with the passage. I remember… I recall… I have seen … Once I read… Here you need to be veryspecific! Be sure to tie this back to the quote/text.* |
|   | *Make a global reflection. How does the passage connect to society and the world in general? What conclusions might you draw about people and/or life?* |

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