**Journal Assignment Choices**

Your task is to complete **3 journal assignments** (double spaced) to what you are reading for the required sections of the book.

**1.** Describe an experience you (or someone else you know) had that was like the experience of a character in the book.

**2.** Explain how a character in the book changed, or is starting to change, in the section you are responding to.

**3.** Explain why you would like to have one of the characters as a friend.

**4.** Sketch a scene in the book depicting a part of the plot and explain why you chose to draw this scene.

**5.** Describe a feeling or emotion that you experienced as you were reading this section and what caused this feeling.

**6.** Write your opinion to a character’s action or reaction. What would you have done?

**7.** Write about a connection to another book you have read (think of similar characters, plot, settings and themes).

**8.** Write down a quote or passage that appeals to you. Describe why.

**9.** Write down three or four descriptive sentences that appeal to you and explain why.

**10.** Make a prediction of what is going to happen next.

**11.** Give your opinion of the author’s writing style? What images captured your interest? How did the author create suspense?

**12.** Choose one item that the character used during the story. Example in Snow White the wicked Queen used the enchanted mirror. If the item you chose could talk what would it say? What secrets could it tell about the character who used it? How would it feel about the character?

**13.** Walk a Mile – What was a day like for your favorite character? Trace two foot prints. In one draw pictures to represent the events that the character went through. In the other write a diary like entry describing a day in the life of a character.

**Journal Assignment Rubric**

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| **Category** | **Fully Meeting Expectations**  **1** | **Meeting Expectations**  **3** | **Not Meeting Expectations**  **5** |
| **Ideas/Content**  **(x2)** | Entries show evidence of reflection about what you’re doing and original ideas not summaries, or “stories”. You always attempt deeper thinking in your writing. | Entries include some reflection about what you’re reading original thoughts but also lots of summaries, or “stories”. You usually attempt deeper thinking in your writing. | Entries do not show reflection about what you’re reading. Entries are confusing to read. |
| **Evidence from novel**  **(x2)** | Examples and references from the novel are provided in detail where necessary. | Examples and references from the novel are provided but more detail is often needed. | Not enough detail is included in examples from the novel to show the reader what part of the novel is being discussed. |
| **Presentation** | Presentation is very clear. Journals are always double spaced and neatly written or typed. A title is always included for each entry including the chapters or pages. | Presentation is adequate.  Journals are double-spaced and fairly neatly presented. Titles are usually included. | Presentation is not clear. Proper format has only been attempted. |
| **Fluency** | Journals are always easy to read and understand. All sentences are constructed correctly. | Journals are mostly easy to read and understand. Most sentences are constructed correctly. | Journals are often difficult to read and understand. Few sentences are constructed correctly. |
| **Conventions**  **(spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation)** | All conventions are correct. | Most conventions are correct. | Few conventions are correct. |

Note: A mark of 2 or 4 may be given. Total: /35