

Double Entry Journal Assignment

For this unit, we will follow the trial of Steve Harmon through his personal journal and screenplay. Steve writes in his journal in an attempt to document his experience throughout the trial which will determine the rest of his life.

Each night that you have an assigned reading, you will also have an assigned writing in the form of a double entry journal. This type of writing assignment must be completed **while you read, not afterward!** The *left side* of the journal will contain quotes that stand out to you. The *right side* will contain your personal responses to those quotes. Reading isn't just understanding the words on the page; it is thinking about those words on a deeper level. Any reason for choosing a quote/passage is legitimate as long as you explain your thoughts. Please write 2-3 entries per reading assignment.

The entire journal (in bound form with a cover page) will be collected at the end of the unit and worth a significant number of points.

Your journal entries might look something like this:

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE WITH PAGE NUMBER (The book says...)	ANALYSIS (I say...)
"Copy down a quote from the reading that stands out to you." (page #)	<p>Write your analysis of that quote. Remember, this is where you show me what you are thinking as you read. Each response should be at least 1-2 paragraphs in length.</p> <p>Ideas for response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What the quote <i>really</i> means• Connections to the "big picture"• How your experiences parallel Steve's experiences• Observations about your/our world• Connections to other literature, film, art, etc.• Evaluation of the writing style, effectiveness, etc.• Analysis of literary elements

Double Entry Journal Rubric

Cover Page

A creative interpretation of the "big picture" of the novel _____ / 5

Critical Thinking

Entries show proof of reading and thinking (3 points per entry) _____ / 30

Thoughtfulness

Entries show a variety of thoughts/responses _____ / 5

Directions

Page numbers and quotes are provided for each entry _____ / 5

TOTAL

_____ / 45