

## Dialectical Journal

How to use a Dialectical Journal:

1. As you read, choose passages or quotes that stand out to you and record them in the left-hand column in the chart (*ALWAYS include chapter numbers*).
2. In the right-hand column, write your response to the passage or quote you wrote in the left-hand column: ideas/insights, questions, reflections, comments, etc.
3. You **must** use the following codes along with your responses:
  - (Q) = Question. Ask about something in the passage that is unclear
  - (C) = Connection. Make a connection to your life, the world, or another text.
  - (P) = Prediction. Anticipate what will occur based on what is in the passage.
  - (CL) = Clarification. Answer earlier questions or confirm/disaffirm a prediction.
  - (R) = Reflection. Think deeply about what the passage or quote means in a broad sense – not just to the characters in the story/author of the article. What conclusions can you draw about the world, human nature, or just the way things work?
  - (E) = Evaluation. Make a judgement about what the author is trying to say.



