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:
 - o (Q) = Question. Ask about something in the passage that is unclear
 - o (C) = Connection. Make a connection to your life, the world, or another text.
 - o (P) = Prediction. Anticipate what will occur based on what is in the passage.
 - o (CL) = Clarification. Answer earlier questions or confirm/disaffirm a prediction.
 - o (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?
 - o (E) = Evaluation. Make a judgement about what the author is trying to say.

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Passages from the text – Must quote at least 2 per chapter.	Chapter #	EVERY passage you quote must relate to one of the codes explained in the instructions. Make sure to use a variety of codes per reading assignment. Using the same codes for most or all of your entries WILL result in a lower score.		