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Dialectical Journal Rubric

	Critical Reader 5 points	Connected Reader 4.5 pts	Thoughtful Reader 4 pts	Literal Reader 3.5 pts	Limited Reader 3 pts
Effort	Extra effort is evident.	A solid effort is evident.	Adequate effort is evident.	Little effort is evident.	Very little effort is evident.
Number of Entries	More than the minimal number of entries are included.	An adequate number of legible entries is included.	An insufficient number of entries is included.	Few entries are included.	Very few entries are included.
Chosen Quotes	Quotes are relevant, important, thought provoking, and represent themes of the text.	Quotes are relevant and connect to themes of the text.	Quotes may be interesting to you, but don't necessarily connect to themes of the text.		
Analysis	You can "read between the lines" of the text (inference). You consider meaning of the text in a universal sense. You create new meaning through connections with your own experiences or other texts.	Entries exhibit insight and thoughtful analysis. You construct a thoughtful interpretation of the text, showing some ability to make meaning of what you read. You create some new meaning through connections with your own experiences and the text. You explain the general significance.	Entries exhibit insight and thoughtful analysis at times. You make connections, but explain with little detail. You rarely make new meaning from the reading.	Entries exhibit limited insight or none at all. You accept the text literally. You are reluctant to create meaning from the text. You make few connections which lack detail.	You find the text confusing, but make no attempt to figure it out. You create little or no meaning from the text. You make an occasional connection to the text, and the ideas lack development.
Grammar and Mechanics	Sentences are grammatically correct with correct spelling and punctuation.		Sentences are mostly correct with a few careless spelling and grammatical errors.		Sentences contain numerous grammatical and spelling errors.