

## Of Mice and Men Journals

To encourage active reading, you are required to complete a **Dialectic Response Journal** for *Of Mice and Men*. Below are the general requirements as well as a list of prompts for you to consider as you complete this assignment.

### Requirements:

1. You must have a minimum of five (5) total entries (*left and right box = 1 entry*).
2. Each entry must be approximately 75-100 words in length.
3. Your entries can be typed in a standard, 12-point standard font or handwritten. **See examples below.**
4. After you choose a quote from the book, be sure to elaborate with specific examples from the text as you express your thoughts.
5. Make clear connections to the prompt selected.

### Journal Prompts

The following are **possible** starter sentences for your response to quoted passages in your journal:

1. I do not understand...
2. I noticed that...
3. I now understand...
4. This character reminds me of myself...
5. I think the setting is important because...
6. I think the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is interesting because...
7. I really like this (idea, person, attitude, etc.) because...
8. Something I noticed (appreciated, wondered, etc.) is...
9. My favorite passage (or quote) is \_\_\_\_\_ because...
10. I like (dislike) \_\_\_\_\_ because.

### Journal/Reading Tips

- Make connections with your life or other texts, concepts, events, etc.
- Underline or highlight key words or phrases.
- Underline or highlight any difficult vocabulary that you come across.
- Jot down any ideas, questions, images, etc. that strike you as you are reading.
- Try to determine what point the author was trying to make. This could be after a specific chapter you've read or after the whole book is completed.
- Periodically ask yourself if you understand what you just read.

### 3 sample entries from To Kill a Mockingbird

**\*You will need 5 total!**

<b>Entry 1</b>	<p>December 10, 2009 Chapter 24-26</p> <p>"If Aunty could be a lady at a time like this, so could I." (237)</p>	<p>This is the first time Scout admires Aunty. She's looked at her with disdain and as a nuisance. After Tom dies, Aunty shows some compassion for Atticus. We as readers have never seen him vulnerable, but Aunty says he's risking his health. Does this worry Scout? Atticus is older; this is stressful. This is probably why she emulates Aunty- to ease up on Atticus, get along with Aunty for once. Aunty cares deeply for the family. Scout is reacting to her bravery by modeling her behavior after her.</p>
<b>Entry 2</b>	<p>"Atticus had used every tool available to free men to save Tom Robinson, but in the secret court of men's hearts Atticus had no case." (241)</p>	<p>Atticus argued a good case, and made the evidence speak clearly that Tom was innocent. Yet, it did not matter because those jury members were going to find him guilty because he's black. Like the gossip said, "Typical of a n****er to run blind first chance he got." There was no mention of how he was shot 17 times, how unnecessary that really was. The people of Maycomb have selective memories- they remember only what they want to of the trial: that he was found guilty.</p>
<b>Entry 3</b>	<p>Miss Gates: "Time somebody taught 'em a lesson, they were getting way above themselves, an' the next thing they think they can do is marry us."</p>	<p>This teacher spouts about Hitler and his hateful prejudice, but doesn't see her own. Even Scout, at 8 years old, can see her hypocrisy. Jem is so bothered by it that he won't even listen- he's attuned to the racism and prejudice and still can't understand Tom Robinson's trial. He's in-between: unable to fully understand why, but knows the weight of what happened. I find Miss Gates's hypocrisy as frustrating as Jem does.</p>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Of Mice and Men - Character Chart

Complete this chart for each major character you encounter during reading.

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