

You will keep a reading journal in preparation for group discussions.

In your journal:

- Summarize (BRIEFLY) the events of each chapter/scene.
- List all questions/confusion you have, including unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Describe the setting.
- Identify and describe characters (both physically and psychologically).
- Identify the protagonist(s) and antagonist(s).
- Describe character relationships.
- Describe the tone and mood.
- Predict outcomes of conflicts.
- Offer your opinion of a character based on textual evidence.
- Compare a character in this story to another character about whom you have read.
- Explain/tell some of the hidden meanings you have found.
- Tell whether or not the characters have changed throughout the story.
- Critique the writing.
- Reflect on the author's use of language. Focus on figures of speech, diction and syntax and how these things might change from character to character.

Additionally, you may want to do the following in your journal:

- Record your personal reactions to the reading.
- Develop a graphic representation of the timeline of important events.
- Make text connections: text to text, world and self.
- Draw the characters as you see them.
- Sketch the various settings.