



**Westhill High School
Summer Reading 2017
Sheltered English 9 - 12**



For this year's summer reading assignment, we would like each of you to select a book that you personally want to read. If you would like a book recommendation, please go the Summer Reading page on www.westhillweb.com and click on the book suggestion link. **You may read your book in your native language or in English.**

The Assignment

Read and enjoy the book you selected! 😊



As you read, look for quotations that seem important or that you find interesting or even confusing. Once you choose a passage that stands out to you, record it in the left column of a T-chart with the page number. In the right column, have a conversation--or "dialogue"--with the text by questioning, connecting to, or evaluating the passage.

How to Set Up Your Dialectical Journal

Your dialectical journal should be typed and set up like a T-chart with two columns. The left column must include a **direct quotation** from the text with a **page number citation**. The right column must include a brief summary of what was happening in the book where you found that quote, as well as a thoughtful **response** to the quotation. Although you are allowed to read your book in your native language, **you must write your journal entries in English**. We know this might be a challenge; just do your best! Your response can either...

- (Q) Question -- ask about something in the passage that is unclear
- (C) Connect -- make a connection to your life, the world, or another text
- (E) Evaluate -- make a judgment about the character(s), their actions, or what the author is trying to say

Sample Dialectical Journal Entry using *Rebels by Accident* by Patricia Dunn

Quotation	Response (In English)
<p>“Ever since those people tried to build their mosque near Ground Zero and there was all that controversy, my life has been worse than ever. The kids at school treat me like I’m one of those people. But I’m not. My family may be Muslim, but I don’t think they should put a mosque so close to Ground Zero either” (Dunn 3).</p>	<p>Summary: Mariam was caught at a party and taken to jail. At first she was upset for letting her friend talk her into going but then she realizes that she really wanted to go.</p> <p>(E) Mariam is Muslim, but she seems to want to distance herself from identifying as Muslim because she refers to them as “those people.” She most likely does not want to be discriminated against due to her family’s religion and would rather fit in with her friends. She questions why they would want to put a mosque “where they are not wanted” and this tells me she feels insecure and wants to belong.</p>
<p>↑</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">↑</p>	<p>↑</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">↑</p>
<p>Direct Quotation</p>	<p>Context of Quote</p>
<p>Page Number Citation</p>	<p>Thoughtful Response to Quote</p>

You must complete at least 6 journal entries to earn full credit for this assignment. We suggest you select 2 quotes from the beginning of the book, 2 quotes from the middle of the book, and 2 quotes from the end of the book.



If you have any questions please email Ms. Wheeler – cwheeler@StamfordCT.gov.

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