**Directions for Lit. Circle Journals**

For each day we discuss our books, you need to have a journal entry. This will summarize your thoughts on the reading and mention a few key parts. For each journal entry you need:

1. Page #s read
2. A short summary of what you read – focus on key details
3. A prediction of what will happen next or at the end
4. Choose **two** of the following to write about:
   1. Makes you wonder
   2. Makes you laugh
   3. Makes you sad or upset
   4. You don’t understand
   5. Your favorite part
   6. Interesting words or quotes
   7. Reminds you of another book / character
   8. Reminds you of something that has happened in your own life

Use sticky notes to mark your book and make notes on the page.

Write down things you thought were interesting and that you want to talk about! Try not to write things you think are boring.

INCLUDE PAGE NUMBERS WHEN YOU CAN!

My book: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much do I have to read each week?

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How to set up a journal response:

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| Week # Pages \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  Summary: In this part of the book, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_, which meant that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After that, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Then, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_ was important because \_\_\_\_\_. The most important thing that happened was \_\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 paragraph)  Prediction: I think \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_.   * I wonder why \_\_\_\_\_\_. I wonder what would… * I thought \_\_\_\_\_\_ was funny because \_\_\_\_\_. * \_\_\_\_\_ made me sad because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (pg #) * I didn’t understand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. (pg #) * My favorite part was \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_. (pg #) * I liked when the author wrote, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” because \_\_\_\_\_. My favorite quote was “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” because \_\_\_\_\_. * This part reminded me of \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   NOTES: Write extra notes on bottom – other things you want to talk about but don’t have a place to put it. **It’s better to have too much than not enough!** |