

10th Grade Summer Reading 2023
***The Invention of Wings* - Sue Monk Kidd**
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Throughout the course of your reading, you should keep a dialectical journal. The novel is broken down into six parts (there are no chapters, but the book follows the lives of two females, so their names appear at the top of the page every time the story is told from each one's point of view). For each part, you should have 10 dialectical journal entries (a total of 60 entries).

Your journals must be **HAND-WRITTEN** in a notebook. A sample entry is given below.

Dialectical Journal Assignment

Dialectical: the art or practice of arriving at the truth through logical arguments

Journal: a personal record of events, experiences, and reflections kept on a regular basis; a diary.

What is a Dialectical Journal?

A dialectical journal is another name for a double-entry journal or a reader-response journal. A dialectical journal is a journal that records a dialogue, or conversation between the ideas in the text (the words that you are reading) and the ideas of the reader (the person who is doing the reading).

This is what you must do in your journal-keep a dialogue with yourself. In your journal, have a conversation with the text and yourself. Write down your thoughts, questions, insights, and ideas while you read. A dialectical journal can include all sorts of things: class notes, notes on discussions, notes on papers, reactions to readings. The important part is that you, the reader, are reading something and then responding to it with your feelings and ideas. You may say whatever you want as long as it's supported by the text.

How Do I Keep A Dialectical Journal?

Your journal will use a two-entry form: Fold the page in half. In the **LEFT COLUMN**, write down parts of paragraphs from the book that you think are interesting or important. In the **RIGHT COLUMN**, write down **YOUR OWN** thoughts, commentary, and questions in complete sentences about the information in the **LEFT COLUMN**.

When I am Writing in my Dialectical Journal, is there a Right and Wrong Answer?

NO! A dialectical journal shows your own thoughts and ideas about the things we read in class. When you write in your journal, you should be as original and creative as you can be.

Sample Entry:

Pg. # <hr/>	Quote <hr/>	Response to quote <hr/>
Pg. 19	“I was sent to solitary confinement in my new room and ordered to write a letter of apology to each guest.”	Why does Sarah’s mother make her do this? She was just following her own beliefs on how humans should be treated.