

10th HONORS (for 9th graders) 10th Summer Reading Assignment 2026-2027
 Read *OF Mice and Men* and complete a 15-quote dialectical journal. You should be prepared to submit this journal/chart digitally to your teacher the first week back to school in August. **CREATE YOUR OWN CHART.** There is an example below to follow; use TWO COLUMNS. DO NOT USE AI or any form of plagiarism. Your teachers WILL check for this. Take this with you to check out the novel and download the assignment posted by your teacher.

PDF of the book : <https://archive.org/stream/in.ernet.dli.2015.507266?ref=ol>

RECOMMENDED: Or you may check out the novel from the library in May.

Dialectical Journals

Directions: In order to “close read” the novel, you will need to maintain a Dialectical Journal (DJ) Chart.

Significance/importance of the quote:

- Characterization: the passage reveals important information about a certain character
- Figurative language/symbolism: the scene includes elements of these
- Theme: the quote directly connects to the author’s purpose and audience

Follow these directions when filling out your DJ charts: Three parts:

- Include the quote with **the page number in parenthesis.**
- **Context:** What is happening in the scene when the quote is said?
- **Analysis:** Analyze the quote. Why does the quote matter? Why is it important? Are there Literary Devices? Character development? Is it connected to theme?

Your commentary/analysis/questions should answer the basic question “Why have I chosen this scene for inclusion in the chart?” Or what question(s) does this scene raise for me? Set up a table on your word processing program to look like the table below using the two columns and headings listed there. ***Be sure to add more rows when needed.***

***You should have at least 15 entries* with advanced level analysis**

EXAMPLE Spider-Man (2002)

Quote	Response (context, analysis, interpretation, synthesis or application)
Uncle Ben Parker: “With great power comes great responsibility” (82).	Context: Uncle Ben tells Peter Parker this quote after he finds out that Peter beat up the school bully Flash Thompson. Analysis: This suggests that Uncle Ben is wise for various reasons. Rather than scold Peter for his behavior, he provides a message that Peter can apply to life. This foreshadows how and if Peter will take this advice and apply it to his life as Spiderman and/or the teenager.