

Summer Reading Assignment – Part II: Dialectical Journal
12th Grade Honors English
Frankenstein

Annotation – Quiz Grade: Due August 25 Reading Check Quiz – Quiz Grade: August 25
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To create your dialectical journal for *Frankenstein*, you are to do the following:

1. Title the journal (include the title of the work).
2. Give the chapter number that goes with each entry.
3. Divide your paper vertically into two halves.
4. The left side should contain **meaningful** quotations from the text.
5. Use quotation marks and document correctly (according to MLA citation).
6. Indicate the speaker of direct quotations.
7. The right side should include your response to the quotation – in responding you should make comments, ask questions, record observations, draw inferences, connect to other readings, etc.
8. Number all entries consecutively.
9. Skip a line between each entry.
10. Make sure that entries and responses parallel each other.
11. Do not write on the back of your paper.
12. Type your journal.

Very important: All of the entries in your journal must focus on the one of the topics listed below.

Possible topics:

1. In her novel, Mary Shelley explores the responsibilities of a creator and the responsibilities of his creation. Look for instances in the novel where Shelley comments on or alludes to these particular responsibilities.
2. One of the main themes of the novel has to do with the effects of isolation on the human mind, body, and spirit. Identify instances where specific characters isolate themselves, and observe what happens when they do so.
3. The protagonist of the novel chooses to pursue knowledge in order to bring glory to himself. Identify what Shelley has to say about this pursuit, either through her narration or what specific characters say.
4. Shelley identifies in her novel the detriments of seeking revenge. Look for instances in the novel where particular characters are pursuing revenge, and identify what Shelley (or her characters) has to say about this.

You will be expected to have a
minimum of 25 entries for an 80
10 additional entries for a 90
20 additional entries for a 100

Your grade is based on quantity and quality. I expect to see thoughtfully selected quotations and meaningful responses. This is an individual assignment, which means that you are not to share or discuss your entries with others. Those who share work can share zeroes.

Journals are due on the first day of class. They are a double quiz grade.

See Mr. Green if you have any questions.