

Dialectical Journal Entries

These journal entries are designed to provide a way to help you write succinctly and with voice. "Dialectical" suggests the art of discourse. That is the skill you will be developing—talking to and about a text.

Your entry should include the following:

- Identify the text you are writing about. If it's a *Lovely Bones* installment, write "*The Lovely Bones Installment #X*".
- Choose a passage from the text that interests you. Copy it at the top of your paper using 12 point type.
- Write a response to the quotation you have chosen. You should TAG the first paragraph (see below for TAG characteristics).
- The rest of the paper (it cannot exceed one page) should be your personal response to the passage. You can make literary or historical connections, but your remarks are what I'm looking for. They **MUST** be connected with the passage and the text.
- Use the essay "The Scale of Value" to guide you in your analysis (pages D7 - D8 in your "PreAP Handbook.")

Your entry should be one page, double spaced, 12 point type, 1 inch margins all around and TYPED or WORD PROCESSED.

TAG = Title, Author, Genre

TAG example: In Installment 1 of *The Lovely Bones*, Sebald describes the anguish felt by her fallible narrator at her early death.