



CHULA VISTA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Freshman Level Dialectical Reading Journal Rubric

Student's Name _____ Professor's Name _____ Score _____

Dialectical reading journals are a foundational element in the student's academic process and progress at CVCU. A dialectical journal records a dialogue (a conversation) between the reader and the text. Students should not only summarize the readings in increasingly scholarly fashion; they should also interact with the text by asking questions, drawing out relatable content, assessing context, and providing quotable quotes or outstanding facts. Dialectical journal notes will serve as preparation for class discussions, papers, presentations, and the FOR.

E = Excellent (10 points); S = Satisfactory (7 points); N = Needs Improvement (4 points); O = Omitted (0 points)

Area	Criteria	Evaluation	Score
Technical Requirements	Journal is correctly structured and legible, summarizing readings in an orderly fashion.	E S N O	
	Journal meets minimum length requirements and summarizes the full spectrum of the assigned work.	E S N O	
Content and Organization	Writer interacts with the text by asking questions, drawing out relatable content, assessing context, and providing quotable quotes or outstanding facts.	E S N O	
	Writer follows appropriate structural guidelines as explained in Tips for Writing Well.	E S N O	
	Writing is logical and sequential. Flow is provided through appropriate transition use.	E S N O	
Grammar and Vocabulary	Writing demonstrates college-level mastery of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and proper paragraph/sentence construction.	E S N O	
	Writing avoids major grammatical errors (i.e., run-on sentences, fragments, and subject-verb agreement errors). Attempts at scholarship are evidenced.	E S N O	
Interest and Creativity	Journal employs creativity and promotes personal interest in the content and context of the readings.	E S N O	
	Focus is limited to facts, ideas, and examples that are most significant to the readings.	E S N O	
Overall Impact	Overall professionalism and impact	E S N O	
Total Points/100			

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