

## Double Entry Journals

The double entry journal is a type of two column, double entry note taking. It helps readers respond to and think about what they read.

**You are required to come to English class on TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010 with 10 responses on your double entry journal.** Your objective is to:

1. Find quotes and phrases that you think are interesting, important. You can tell a quote or phrase is important if it makes you ask questions, seems like it's important, or is a main idea.
2. On the left side of the journal, **copy the exact quote or phrase** and page number, if you are reading a magazine, include the title.
3. On the right side of the journal, **respond in your own words**, to what you have read.

### Example Double Entry Journal

<b>Title of Book:</b>	
<b>The copied quote or phrase:</b>  Remember: These are quotes or phrases you feel are important, or that make you question what you are reading.	<b>Your Response (What you're thinking):</b>  Respond to the passage. Possible ways to begin a response include: I understand..., This is important because..., I want to remember ___ because ____, This connects to my life because...,  Responses are a minimum of 2-3 sentences.  Your responses should prove that you are thinking about what you read.
<b>“Seriously,” he complained, “math makes sense. Lines are straight. They form nice neat angles. They make squares or triangles. I like that. I can understand that. Poetry is full of squiggles and blips. Don’t make sense to me.”</b> <b>“Most relationships don’t go in a straight line,” I tried to explain to him. “Poetry is about feelings, and relationships, and that’s really complicated.”</b>  Sharon Draper, p. 160 of <u>Darkness Before Dawn</u>	<b>This quote connects to my life because my strength is my understanding of math. I am very good at solving most math problems, except word problems. In English I have a hard time interpreting poetry because there are so many ways to analyze it and some of the language is difficult. Poetry is complicated, just like the life of a teenager and all the drama we encounter. It’s much easier to solve a math problem and finish it than to figure out the complicated web of poetry.</b>