AP Literature

Wilensky

Dialectical Journal Assignment for *Fences*

Although only one entry will be expected for each scene in the play, the scene you choose should be thoughtfully selected for an emphasis on the major themes and topics: institutional racism, baseball as a metaphor, fence as a symbol, allusion to myth and Troy as a mythic hero.

**Example**

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| Dialogue from Text  (This should be a passage of dialogue not just a line.) | Style Analysis (This should be a lengthy commentary including literary elements as well as discussion of the topics) |
| Powerful  Thought provoking  Insightful  Written in quotation marks  Includes page number | Why did the author use…  Literary Elements  Allusion  Metaphor  Syntax  Tone  Diction  Personification  Setting  Characterization  Symbols/Motif |
| Connections  (This is where you can talk personally about the impact of the text) |
| Text to Self  Text to Text  Text to World |

**Grading Rubric:**

* Do you cite meaningful passages, details and quote selections from the text in the “Dialogue from Text” half of the journal?
* Includes detailed and thoughtful commentary about the text in the “Style Analysis” section.
* Do you include thoughtful comments about a wide variety of interpretive issues (see list of topics) and literary elements, as well as how these elements contribute to the meaning of the text?
* Do you include thought-provoking, insightful questions and meaningful predictions and hypotheses about the text?
* Did you cover the text completely and consistently?