**Journal #1**

* What book are you reading and who is the author?  How far are you?
* Write 3-5 sentences telling what has happened so far.
* Does it seem like the setting (time or place) is very important to the story?  Why or why not?
* Does the exposition of the story "grab" you or is it slow getting started?  Explain.

**#2 Exposition Journal**

Exposition includes getting to know your characters.  Write 2-3 sentences about one character in your book.  Then tell me how you feel about him/her.

?s to consider:  
\* How old is he?  
\* Is he kind?  
\* Do others like him? Why or why not?  
\* Do you trust him?  
\* Would you hang out with him?

**#3 Rising Action Journal**

Good books have more than one conflict happening at once (think about our chart from "The Lottery"!).  List a few of the conflicts in your book then tell me about the one you are enjoying most so far.

Ideas:

\* List conflicts

\* Write 2-3 sentences explaining your fav. conflict right now.

\* Who/what is the character in conflict with? Do you see the character learning anything from this so far? Explain.

**#4 Character Development Journal**

Characters are developed by what they do and say, how they look and act, and by what others say about them. Describe your character in 1 or 2 words and give examples from the story to back them up.

\*What is your character’s name? What word(s) describe him/her?

\* Describe at least 2 things that SHOW you this character traits. (i.e. Joe steals a bike – he is dishonest.)

**#5 Internal/External Conflict**

Describe a conflict and identify it as either internal or external (or some of both). Which character has this conflict? Is this the main conflict or is it a minor one? Explain how it is internal or external. Do you think this will have a big impact on the plot? What about how it might affect the character(s)?