**Possible sentence starters for dual entry journal**

Why did you pick the quote? I chose this quote because…

How does this quote make you feel? Why? This quote makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

What does this quote make you think of? Why? This quote makes me think of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Why is this quote important to the story? This quote is important to the story because…

What did you like/dislike about the quote? Why? I really liked this quote because…I didn’t like this quote because…

What was unusual or surprising about this quote? I found this quote unusual because…I found this quote surprising because…

What does this quote make you wonder about? Why? This quote makes me wonder \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Was the quote confusing in any way? Why? I found this quote confusing because…

Do you have any questions because of this quote? Why? Some questions I have based on this quote are \_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Does this quote relate to a theme in the story? How? Why? I think this quote relates to the theme of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the book because…

Does this quote remind you of a book/movie? How? Why? This quote reminds me of (name of book/movie) because…

Are there any social issues this quote reminds you of? Why? (ie. Race, class, culture, poverty, gender etc.) A social issue I think this quote helps us understand is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Is the quote interesting because of the author’s style/voice/use of literary devices (ie. Imagery, symbolism, metaphor, irony etc.) ? I found this quote interesting because of how the author used\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Does the quote make you think about any world issues? Why? A world issue I think this quote deals with is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

Are there any important words in this quote? Why? One important word this quote uses is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because….

Remember

I am looking for your insight into what you have read. Do not tell me what happened in the story. Tell me what you think about what happened and why it is important or significant. Make sure you support what you say. Give reasons, Use examples for support. Explain what you mean. Write with a purpose in mind. Read between the lines. Look for meaning in what you have read.

You will be marked on the following:

1. Insightful, critical analysis
2. Creativity of your thinking
3. Quality of quotes you select
4. Amount of work put into your reflection
5. Required amount of quotes/writing

Meeting minimum requirements is the least amount you have to do. Quality is what counts.

**Dual entry journal fill in the blank entry**

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**Quote#2**: (pg # \_\_\_ Paragraph # \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Voodoo** By Frederic Brown

Mr Decker’s wife had just returned from a trip to Haiti – a trip she had taken alone – to give them a cooling off period before they discussed a divorce. It hadn’t worked. Neither of them had cooled off in the slightest. In fact, they were finding now that they hated one another more than ever.

‘Half,’ said Mrs. Decker firmly. ‘I’ll not settle for anything less than half the money plus half the property.’

‘Ridiculous!’ said Mr Decker.

‘Is it? I could have it all you know. And quite easily too. I studied voodoo while in Haiti.’

‘Rot!’ said Mr. Decker.

‘It isn’t. And you should be glad that I’m a good woman for I could kill you quite easily if I wished. I would then have all the money and all the real estate, and without any fear of the consequences. A death accomplished by voodoo cannot be distinguished from death by heart failure.’

‘Rubbish!’ said Mr. Decker.

‘You think so? I have wax and a hatpin. Do you want to give me a tiny pinch of your hair or a fingernail clipping or two – that’s all I need – and let me show you?’

‘Nonsense!’ said Mr. Decker

‘Then why are you afraid to let me try? Since I know it works, I’ll make you a proposition. If it doesn’t kill you, I’ll give you a divorce and ask for nothing. If it does, I’ll get it all automatically.’

‘Done!’ said Mr. Decker. ‘Get your wax and hatpin.’ He glanced at his fingernails. ‘Pretty short. I’ll give you a bit of hair.’

When he came back with a few short strands of hair in the lid of an aspirin tin, Mrs. Decker had already started softening the wax. She kneaded the hair into it, then shaped it into the rough effigy of a human being.

‘You’ll be sorry,’ she said, and thrust the hatpin into the chest of the wax figure.

Mr. Decker was surprised, but he was more pleased than sorry. He had not believed in voodoo, but being a cautious man he never took chances.

Besides, it had always irritated him that his wife so seldom cleaned her hairbrush.

**Dual entry journal fill in the blank entry example**

**Quote#1**: (pg # 1 Paragraph # 14/15 )

Mr. Decker was surprised, but he was more pleased than sorry. He had not believed in voodoo, but being a cautious man he never took chances.

Besides, it had always irritated him that his wife so seldom cleaned her hairbrush.

**Reflection:**

I chose this quote because it was surprising. What made the quote this way was that I thought Mr. Decker would have been killed, not Mrs. Decker, because she is the one who learned voodoo. When I read this quote it made me feel shocked because Mr. Decker turned the tables on Mrs. Decker. The part about the quote that made me feel this way was that we find out that Mr. Decker used Mrs. Decker’s hair instead of his own, which caused Mrs. Decker to be killed instead of Mr. Decker which was a shocking ending. One question I have about this quote is why did Mr. Decker not give his own hair if he didn’t believe in Voodoo? He must have at least suspected something was up otherwise why not just give her what she wanted? Maybe he did believe in it, and wanted his wife dead. One thing I really liked about the quote was how it was an unexpected twist because it makes the story more interesting. If Mr. Decker had died the story wouldn’t have had any real point, however by providing a twist it makes us think about what makes someone think about murdering someone else, and about things like karma This quote makes me wonder if Mrs. Decker deserved to die because her plan was to kill her husband, and then she gets killed instead. Perhaps it was the universe’s way of punishing her for her attempt. I think this quote is important to the story because it creates a dilemma for the reader about the actions of the characters. Both of them hated each other and in the end one of them dies. It makes me think the theme of the story might be that if you plan to do something bad to someone else then you could be the one that ends up getting hurt. Another possibility might be that you should always plan for possibilities no matter how outrageous they might seem. For example, if Mr. Decker had not given Mrs. Decker her hair instead of his then he would have died.