

Redemptorist High School
English IV & AP English Literature

Task:

Keep a reactions journal as you are reading the work – similar to what you did while reading your research paper novel this spring. This “reactions journal” should be a collection of your personal reactions to the work and should be filled with quotations from the work. It is appropriate to use first-person perspective since you are stating *your personal* reactions to the story. Though you must mention significant events that take place during the story, it is **not** necessary to summarize every detail in the entire work. Here is an example taken from Act I of *The Crucible*:

In the first Act of The Crucible, Miller states that “They did not celebrate Christmas, and holiday from work meant only that they must concentrate even more upon prayer” (4). I think this is strange – I thought all Christians celebrated Christmas. They must have prayed awfully hard. A few pages later, Miller writes that “his Negro slave enters” (8). Why does Miller call Tituba a Negro? Is he a racist? Is that tolerated in this society? Parris doesn’t seem like he treats his slave very well.

The journals should be typed, proofread, and due on the **first day of school**. You need **not** bring a paper copy on the first day; you will receive instructions on how to submit your typed journal to TurnItIn.com.

English IV:

Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart

Length: At least 2000 words in total – it need not be divided into a certain number of words per chapter as long as it amounts to at least the minimum.

Quotations: You should have at least 30-40 quotations from the novel worked into your reactions.

AP English Literature:

Read and complete journals for **both** of the following works:

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Odyssey by Homer (please be sure to get Robert Fitzgerald’s translation).

Length: At least 2000 words for each journal – it need not be divided into a certain number of words for each section, as long as it amounts to at least the minimum.

Quotations: You should have at least 30-40 quotations from each work incorporated into your reactions.