



As you write your journal entries, consider the following questions. However, do not limit yourself to answering only these questions. Feel free to explore other issues of interest to you:

Journal Entry One

This entry considers the first third of the novel.

- Why did you select this novel?
- How do you think this novel is going to address the theme of utopia/dystopia?
- What's going on at the beginning of the story?
- Who's telling the story? Why do you think the author chose this narrator?
- What is the setting (time, place, atmosphere) of the novel?
- Is the setting important, or could the novel be happening anywhere, at any time? Explain.
- What is the initial problem faced by the main character?
- How does the author get you to read on or hold your interest?
- What do you think is going to happen in the second third of the novel?

Journal Entry Two

This entry considers the second third of the novel.

- What new things are added to the original problem as the novel progresses?
- What plot twists or unexpected events happen as the novel progresses?
- Are there any "rebels" in your novel who oppose that society? Who are they? What do they think and do? Do you think their actions will be successful?
- Comment on the style of the novel. Is it easy or difficult to follow the events?
- Is the language in the novel difficult or easy? To what age group do you think the novel is best suited? Why?
- Is there a message or main theme emerging in the book? How is it shown?
- Describe any new characters that have been introduced since Journal Entry One. What purpose/role do these new characters serve?
- What predictions, if any, can you make as to the outcome of the novel at this point?
- Do you see any similarities between our society and the society in your novel? Explain

Journal Entry Three

This entry considers the final third of the novel.

- What is the climax of the novel?
- How are the major and minor conflicts resolved?
- What were the major things that helped to resolve the plot?
- What message did you get from the novel? How was this message conveyed?
- How realistic is the novel? Could the depicted society exist?
- Now that you have completed the novel, how would you say that it relates to the theme of dystopia?
- Why would you (or why wouldn't you) recommend this novel to another student?