Name: ____________________________       Book Title/Author: ____________________________

As you read, track your responses to the following grade 9 essential questions:

- What characterizes a hero?
- What is the nature of the journey and how is it transformative?
- How do stories reflect a society’s culture, its morals, the nature of conflict, and the forces of good and evil?
- What are some universal truths of the human experience?
- What makes the individual humane?

Each time you read, note the chapters (or pages) that you completed. Think about the following elements as you respond to the essential questions:

- details and/or quotations about events, descriptions, actions, characters, etc.
- new perspectives
- themes

As you respond, you may wish to cite pages, chapters, or sections of your book. A model for p. 1-6 is given in the chart below.

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<td>p. 1-6</td>
<td><em>I’m not sure, but I think Christopher might be a hero because he's inquisitive, intelligent and flawed</em></td>
<td>“In a murder mystery novel someone has to work out who the murder is and then catch them. It is a puzzle”(5).</td>
<td>“I got Siobhan to draw lots of these faces and then write down next to them exactly what they meant. I kept the piece of paper in my pocket and took it out when I didn’t understand what someone was saying”(3). <strong>Clearly Christopher has some sort of psychological issue, but I’m not sure what it is yet.</strong></td>
<td>“This is a murder mystery novel”(4). <strong>I know that usually in a murder mystery there is a conflict between good and evil. Perhaps the murder of the dog, whom the narrator sees as having good qualities, represents a conflict between good and evil.</strong> “…I cared about dogs because they were faithful and honest, and some dogs were cleverer and more interesting than some people”(6).</td>
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