Summer Reading: Definition of Terms

For your dialectic journal you must “categorize” your quotes. You can find definitions for these categories below.

Making a Connection

- How does the quote relate to me?
- In what ways does the quote have meaning in my life? How will this relate to what the author is trying to say?

Making a Prediction

- What may this quote foreshadow?
- What will happen later in this story?

Interpreting

- What does this quote mean literally (on the surface level)?
- What symbols could the author be using?
- What is the author really trying to tell me? What is the deeper meaning?

Ask a Question

- What questions does this quote raise?
  - This is a question that you have, not a question that the characters ask.

Extending the Meaning

- How does this quote relate to society in general – American culture/society outside the novel?
- What idea/theme/motif might be illustrated through this quote and does this same thing apply in the real world?

Challenging the Text

- I disagree with what the character/narrator/author is saying because....