

**DEAR
EVAN
HANSEN**

Reading Guide

Dialectical Journals

Act/Scene/Pg #	Quote or Paraphrase from the text	Explain the SIGNIFICANCE of quote or paraphrase
Act 1, scene 1 pg. 8	Evan is composing the first letter to himself at the very start of the play, he talks about how he tried to talk to Zoe Murphy and he was worried about his hands being sweaty. He never ended up talking with her anyway.	This passage is written as one long and drawn out sentence. It is written to convey Evan's issues with anxiety and social awkwardness. It gives the reader an understanding that Evan is trying to be a normal teenager, talking to girls - which can be terrifying for a normal guy - but is also dealing with a brain that hyper focuses on small things, such as sweaty hands. It communicates that Evan just wants to fit in, but is struggling to find a sense of normalcy in his life.

Marker Verbs for Analysis

Adds to	Declares	Expresses	Presents	Signifies
Analyzes	Defends	Illustrates	Proves	States
Argues	Demonstrates	Implies	Provides	Stresses
Asserts	Depicts	Informs	Questions	Suggests
Backs up	Describes	Introduces	Reasons	Supports
Clarifies	Displays	Investigates	Reinforces	Utilizes
Compares	Emphasizes	Mentions	Relates	
Concludes	Employs	Narrates	Remarks	
Confirms	Exaggerates	Notes	Reports	
Connects	Expands	Personifies	Represents	
Contrasts	Explains	Points out	Reveals	
Criticizes	Explores	Portrays	Shows	

Words to show purpose

- serves to
- enriches the
- exemplifies
- elaborates
- conveys
- infers
- translates to
- proposes
- allows the reader
- stresses the
- is supported by
- completes the
- characterizes
- reflects
- contributes to
- lets the reader know
- foreshadows

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