



# Reading Strategy: Double-Entry Journal

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## 9/22 Agenda

1. Reading strategy: double-entry journal
2. How a double-entry journal might look
3. Individual practice: create your own!
4. Base group: share your responses
5. Large group discussion
6. Exit ticket



## What is a Double-Entry Journal?

- Records your reaction/response to a particular passage
- Establishes a purposeful annotative practice
- Connects active reading + connection writing



## How a Double-Entry Journal Might Look

### From the text

pg 1 - "If the track is tough and the hill is rough, THINKING you can just ain't enough!"

### My thoughts

Accomplishing something takes more than thought -- it takes action!

From The Little Blue Engine by Shel Silverstein



## Create Your Own!\*

1. Fold a piece of paper in half, lengthwise.
2. In the left hand column, write a phrase or sentence from the selection that was particularly meaningful to you, along with the page number.
3. In the right hand column, react to the passage by writing personal responses to the quotes on the left. The entry may include a comment, a question, a connection made, or an analysis.



# Let's Get to Work!

## LETTER 1

*To Mrs. Saville, England*

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11th, 17—

You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings. I arrived here yesterday, and my first task is to assure my dear sister of my welfare and increasing confidence in the success of my undertaking.

I am already far north of London, and as I walk in the streets of Petersburg, I feel a cold northern breeze play upon my cheeks, which braces my nerves and fills me with delight. Do you understand this feeling? This breeze, which has travelled from the regions towards which I am advancing, gives me a foretaste of those icy climes. Inspirited by this wind of promise, my daydreams become more fervent and vivid. I try in vain to be persuaded that the pole is the seat of frost and desolation; it ever presents itself to my imagination as the region of beauty and delight. There, Margaret, the sun is forever visible, its broad disk just skirting the horizon and diffusing a perpetual splendour. There—for with your leave, my sister, I will put some trust in preceding navigators—there snow and frost are banished; and, sailing over a calm sea, we may be wafted to a land surpassing in wonders and in beauty every region hitherto discovered on the habitable globe. Its productions and features may be without example, as the phenomena of the heavenly bodies undoubtedly are in those undiscovered solitudes. What may not be expected in a country of eternal light? I may there discover the wondrous power which attracts the needle and may regulate a thousand celestial observations that require only this voyage to render their seeming eccentricities consistent forever. I shall satiate my ardent curiosity with the



## Sharing Out and Wrapping Up

- Base group: share your responses
- Large group discussion
- Exit ticket