Quick Tips for Writing Your Journal

*Paragraph One*: a summary of what you read (parts of the story that you read this week). Make sure that it makes sense, and doesn’t leave out big parts! Pretend I haven’t read the book-I need to be able to understand what is going on in your story!

*Paragraph Two:* Think of it like we are sitting in Reading Groups, and I’m asking you, “What did you THINK about what happened in this part of the story?” Ask yourself, Why did those things happen? How would I feel if that happened to me? Has anything like that ever happened to me before? What did I think about what happened? Then give me an explanation of why you think that, or examples of when something like that has happened to you. The best explanations are more than one sentence long for each thought!

\*Remember you can always look at our class example for help! ☺