

Reading Strategies

The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Active Reading: Double-Entry Journal

A double-entry journal is a simple way to keep track of and clarify things you don't quite understand or that you find especially interesting in a story.

In the chart below, look at the first example, complete the second, and then add your own quotations from "The Yellow Wallpaper" to the left column, as well as your comments and reactions to the right column.

THE YELLOW WALLPAPER	
<p>1. "John does not know how much I really suffer. He knows there is no <i>reason</i> to suffer, and that satisfies him."</p>	<p>1. It seems like John doesn't really understand his wife and what she is going through. Maybe he doesn't really care.</p>
<p>2. "I always fancy I see people walking in these numerous paths and arbors, but John has cautioned me not to give way to fancy in the least."</p>	<p>2.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>3.</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>5.</p>

FOLLOW-UP: Of the quotations you have chosen, select those that you find most significant to the story's message and circle them.

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