



THE KNOX SCHOOL

Always Toward the Light

Summer Assignment
English I Honors, Ms. Peucker

First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers, Loung Ung

Part One: Dialectical Reader-Response Journal

As you read, complete a dialectical response journal. See the sample below. There should be AT LEAST 25 entries and they should cover important details about the text. Generally, each response to a quotation should be 2-5 sentences and should include your analysis of the literary and rhetorical techniques present in the quotations, the author's attitude, purpose or tone, and relation to personal experience.

QUOTE	RESPONSE
"The fact that she gets herself in and out of these situations gives me hope. I see them as clear signs of her cleverness" (Ung, 5).	This statement defines both Pa's character and Loung's character. The love and support that Ung's father provides towards her rebellious persona illustrate the qualities that tie their relationship together. Additionally, it is a great example of foreshadowing within the text. Pa's words suggest that Loung will find herself in a deleterious situation, but her restless disposition and supposed cleverness will set her free. The mindset and character that Loung displays serves as a general token of hope throughout the atrocious Khmer Rouge regime.

Part Two: Essay

Question: There are many different forms of bravery and courage. How does Loung and her family show us this?

Guidelines:

1. Proper MLA Format
2. 4 pages, double-spaced
3. 12 pt. Times New Roman, 1-inch margins
4. Avoid using the words "I" and "You"
5. Include a strong thesis
6. Incorporate textual evidence to support your thesis
7. Avoid simply summarizing the book

Due Date: A paper copy of your assignment will be due on the **first** day of your English I Honors class, and will be given an essay grade. All late assignments will be subject to grade deductions and penalties.

Have a great summer: Happy Reading!
Ms. Peucker