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Chapter (s) _____ Pages: _____

It is your responsibility to make connections between the story and the real world. This means connecting the reading to: your life, similar events in school and/or the community, other books or stories that are similar, public events, or issues of concern in the world. You must:

- a) Choose a situation or event in the chapter that you can relate to another situation or event that is similar to something you've experienced, read, or heard on the news.
- b) Bookmark the page you've found it on.
- c) Write down the situation or event as it happened in the novel, ***in your own words***.
- d) Write down the example of a situation or event that relates to it. Include evidence if possible. (ie: newspaper clippings, internet printouts, items you may own)

Prepare for your next group meeting by completing this page. At your next group meeting:

- a) Direct group members to the page you've bookmarked.
- b) Read your version of what happened in the story.
- c) Explain how the situation or event in the novel relates to the real world by connecting it to the evidence you have brought in. If there is no evidence, just explain.
- d) Ask group members if they can think of any other situations or events that relate to the passage you've chosen.

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Event is on page # _____

My version of what happened:

The event or situation that relates to the above:

My evidence is: _____

(You may attach clipping or printout evidence below)