What is the most important word in

Leslie’s Journal?

Writing Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 1. Summarize Leslie’s Journal.

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| Somebody  | Wanted | But  | So  |
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Step 2. Provide 3 possible words and a reason for that choice. Circle your final word choice.

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| Word: Ex. Divorce | Why/ Reason: Ex. Leslie’s parents’ divorce made her angry and caused her to acting out at school. That made Jason target her and made her think no one would trust her side of the story. |
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Step 3. Explain (list evidence) how your word is important for characters, conflict, plot, and setting on large chart paper.



Step 4: Using your word as a starting point, write one theme sentence for Leslie’s Journal.

Definition: Theme is the author’s opinion on your main word. Theme should be an opinion and people should be able to debate the theme statement.

Example of theme: Divorce causes teens to rebel against authority.

Theme is not a moral (an instruction).

-EX. **NOT** theme “Don’t get divorced.”

Theme is not a cliché (something you have heard many times).

-EX. **NOT** theme “Stay together for the kids.”

Step 5: Please present to the class using beautiful posture, eye contact, hand gestures, and evidence for your choice.

Rubric:

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| **Communication** - The conveying of meaning through various forms |
|  | 0-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-100 |
| Words are audible, and organized. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Uses appropriate non-verbal hand gestures.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Posture is tall (shoulders back) forward facing, engaging, makes eye contact. Expand into space. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Application** - The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts |
|  (Theme is not a moral, a cliché, and is debatable) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Theme is supported by specifics from the Novel |  |  |  |  |  |

Late y/n

Please work on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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