Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
By Philip K. Dick

Active Reading Journal

As you read the novel, you are required to write a journal entry for each chapter. There are 22 chapters. This is an assignment that should be completed as you read. Do not try to read the novel and then go back and complete the journal.

You can write as much as you want for each chapter in addition to answering this essential question:

What makes us human?

You can approach this question in various ways depending on the content of the chapter. What have humans done? Created? How do they interact? What seems to be humanity's needs? Wants? Defining characteristics?

You must weave in at least 2 quotations into each entry, and you may write using first person.

Ex.
Chapter 1
Rick and his wife Iran have something called a "mood organ" which allows them to dial up a range of emotions—whatever they want to feel. Although Rick focuses on trying to stay positive and motivated for his workday with the emotions he chooses, his wife wants to experience a "six-hour self-accusatory depression"(6), **suggesting that part of what makes us human is our range of emotions and the need to experience lows as well as highs. Also, these negative emotions are a natural, important part of humanity**. Even though Rick dials up positive emotions, while he is speaking with his neighbor Barbour, "something of the despair that Iran had been talking about tapped [Rick] on the shoulder" (13). Despite the technology intended to keep him happy, his natural emotion of misery still prevails. As hard as we try, we cannot control our natural emotions.

Rubric:

	Requirement	**Points earned/ comments**
Content 3 pts per entry 22 entries Total points possible: 66 pts	Each entry clearly answers the question: What makes us human? Answers are thorough, true to text, thoughtful, and original. There is clarity in the answer that provides context.	
Textual support 2 pts per entry 22 entires Total points possible: 44 pts	A minimum of 2 quotations are correctly woven in to each answer as support.	
Spelling and grammar 15 points	There are very few spelling and grammar mistakes (-1	

	point/ 2 errors up to 15 points)	

Total: _____ /125