**\*\*\*Elect a group leader to read the following instructions out loud and make sure the rest of the group stays on task while you’re all doing this activity.\*\*\***

Instructions:

1. Record examples of this theme that occur throughout the book. Write down the page number and a few words of the beginning of the quote. Then, summarize what’s going on in this example in your own words.
2. Come up with thesis statements (of analysis, opinion) about this theme. These can be general *or* based on the specific examples of this theme that you recorded in step one.
   1. In other words: this book, its characters, its author, its plot, this theme are all trying to show something to you – what? Think deeply and creatively about this.
3. What kinds of thematic connections can you make between the book, the Japan documentary clips we watched, the Japanese culture and history fact sheet, and the interview with Yukio Mishima/what you know about his life?