Highlighted Reading Skills and Strategies: Annotating during the reading process

Reading Activity:

There are five stages of grieving. Define the five stages of grieving from a secondary source, then use a visual aid to organize regarding Susie’s parents and what stage they are experiencing at different points throughout the novel.

Writing Style: Compare and Contrast

Prompt: In a five (5) paragraph compare and contrast essay discuss the similarities and differences between Susie’s two parents’ actions once the police inform them they must “work with the assumption that [Susie] had been killed” (Sebold 28).

The parents’ actions may be labeled according to what stage of grieving they are experiencing along with properly cited examples of the stage from the novel.

Student Learning Outcome:

1. Use reading skills to identify similarities and differences between characters.
2. Identify events in the novel that motivate characters differently.
3. Demonstrate the ability to create a pattern of organization by using key words and phrases
4. Display MLA knowledge of properly citing two sources.