***Please Stop Laughing at Me* by Jodee Blanco**

**Journal Entries**

**Directions:** After reading *Please Stop Laughing at me,* answer the following journal questions. Each journal entry must be **HAND WRITTEN**. Entries should be at least a page in length each. Be sure to use specific examples from the novel to support your answers**.** Must use **at least one** **blended direct quotation**, from novel, as support **per journal**. All citations must use proper MLA guidelines. For example, you must use the author’s last name followed by the page number or numbers of quote in parenthesis followed by the end punctuation. This is an example of a “blended cited quote with the author and a random page number” (Blanco 34). Do not use a comma or a pg. between the author and page number.All journals **must be written in 3rd person** point of view (No I believe or I think—just tell us).

**\*JOURNAL ENTRIES WILL BE HANDED IN ON DAY #1 OF CLASS FOR A GRADE\***

1. What is the overall theme of the *Please Stop Laughing at Me*? Choose two quotes that best represent this theme. Be sure to explain how each quote reflects this theme.
2. Explain what happens at the reunion. How do all of Jodee’s former classmates act towards her? Why is this surprising to Jodee? How does Jodee feel at the end of her reunion? Explain and be specific.
3. Describe and explain three incidents that caused Jodee to be harassed and bullied. What actually caused the bullying? What was the outcome of each of these incidents? Be specific and explain.
4. Blanco has provided titles for the chapters in *Please Stop Laughing at Me*. In your journal, compose a NEW title for each of the fourteen chapters. For each, explain briefly why your new title is more powerful than the one Blanco provided.