

Journal Writing Rubric

Categories and Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Knowledge/ Understanding <i>Information and Ideas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents incomplete and/or inaccurate information and ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents some accurate information and some ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents accurate information and complete ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents accurate information and insightful ideas
Thinking/Inquiry <i>Analyzing and Explaining</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses few ideas, with limited support by relevant evidence or rationales • Asks few questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses some ideas, supported by relevant evidence or rationales • Asks some questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses ideas, supported by relevant evidence or rationales • Asks good questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses many ideas, supported effectively by relevant evidence or rationales • Asks probing or insightful questions
Communication <i>Language and Style</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and intent are frequently clear • Demonstrates limited sense or purpose and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and intent are sometimes unclear • Demonstrates some sense of purpose and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and intent are clear • Demonstrates clear sense of purpose and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and intent are clear and engaging • Demonstrates strong sense of purpose and audience
Application <i>Language Conventions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent, major mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some major mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some minor mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few minor mechanical errors
<i>Making Connections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes few personal (or other) connections with topic or theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes some personal (or other) connections with topic or theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes considerable personal (or other) connections with topic or theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes many personal (or other) connections with topic or theme
<i>Other</i>	•	•	•	•

Overall Rating: __/4