

ENG 4U

Journal Writing Rubric

Categories and Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Knowledge/ Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple references that may be unclear at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General references to events and characters; needed to be more specific in places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and detailed references to the events and characters in the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insightful ideas and observations. Keen eye for detail evident in useful quotations
Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses few ideas with limited support by relevant evidence or rationales Needs to add “why” more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses some ideas supported by relevant evidence or rationales Inconsistent ability to move beyond the literal/obvious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses ideas supported clearly by relevant evidence or rationales Clear effort to engage with the text beyond the plot; grasps issues and themes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses many ideas supported effectively by relevant evidence or rationales Wide range of reactions in journal (personal connections, themes, characterization, predictions, questions)
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates limited sense of purpose and audience Frequent mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates some sense of purpose and audience Some major mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates clear sense of purpose and audience Few minor mechanical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates strong sense of purpose and audience Very few minor mechanical errors
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal process needed to be used more effectively; limited ability to work through ideas in writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal process used inconsistently or primarily for main/general ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal process clearly used to work through ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used journal process effectively to process ideas and in depth thinking