ENG 4U Journal Writing Rubric

Categories and Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Knowledge/ Understanding	· Simple references that may be unclear at times	· General references to events and characters; needed to be more specific in places	Clear and detailed references to the events and characters in the text	Insightful ideas and observations. Keen eye for detail evident in useful quotations
Thinking	Expresses few ideas with limited support by relevant evidence or rationales Needs to add "why" more	 Expresses some ideas supported by relevant evidence or rationales Inconsistent ability to move beyond the literal/obvious 	Expresses ideas supported clearly by relevant evidence or rationales Clear effort to engage with the text beyond the plot; grasps issues and themes	Expresses many ideas supported effectively by relevant evidence or rationales Wide range of reactions in journal (personal connections, themes, characterization, predictions, questions)
Communication	Demonstrates limited sense of purpose and audience . Frequent mechanical errors	Demonstrates some sense of purpose and audience Some major mechanical errors	Demonstrates clear sense of purpose and audience Few minor mechanical errors	Demonstrates strong sense of purpose and audience Very few minor mechanical errors
Application	Journal process needed to be used more effectively; limited ability to work through ideas in writing	Journal process used inconsistently or primarily for main/general ideas	Journal process clearly used to work through ideas	Used journal process effectively to process ideas and in depth thinking