

## Journal Writing Rubric

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