

Journal Writing Rubric

Criteria	⊖	√-	✓	✓+
	Does Not Meet Expectations	Minimally Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Knowledge/ Understanding Information and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents incomplete and/or inaccurate information and ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents some inaccurate 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 Analyzing and Explaining	<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 by relevant evidence or rationales • Asks probing or insightful questions
Communication Language and Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning and intent are frequently unclear • Demonstrates limited sense of 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 Language Conventions	<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
Making Connections	<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 considerate personal (or other) connections with topic or theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes many personal (or other) connections with topic or theme