

Journal Entry Scoring Rubric

	4 OUTSTANDING	3 GOOD	2 NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	1 DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS
Focus	Entire entry is focused on the topic	Most of the entry is focused on the topic	Some of the entry is focused on the topic	The journal entry is unfocused
Content	Thoughtful, well-written response with strong vocabulary	Well-written response with grade-level vocabulary	Basic response with generic and/or repetitive vocabulary	Response not clearly expressed
Development	Excellent use of examples, details, and descriptions to develop ideas and opinions	Good use of examples, details, and descriptions to develop ideas and opinions	Incomplete development of ideas or opinions; more examples, descriptions, and details needed	Ideas or opinions not clearly developed
Conventions	Grammatically correct sentences with few spelling/punctuation errors	Mostly grammatically correct sentences with some spelling/punctuation errors	Errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation distract the reader	Overwhelming errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation