

RUBRIC FOR A JOURNAL ENTRY

	Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Heading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day and date properly written with a comma and lined up on the left; in bold-face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day and date properly written with a comma and lined up on the left 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day and date properly written with a comma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No date
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts with an engaging sentence. Logical connections between sentences and paragraphs A conclusion connects to the beginning of the entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a topic sentence, logical sequencing, and concluding sentence. May be one or more paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences follow a logical or chronological order. Includes only 1 paragraph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No logical or chronological order to the the sentences
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoothly includes vivid details of when & where the action takes place Includes complex descriptive details that make it come to life At least 250 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoothly includes vivid details of when & where the action takes place At least 200 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes some details about the setting At least 150 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few or no details about the setting Less than 150 words
Emotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writer's thoughts and feelings are conveyed subtly & shown through the choice of details; e.g. the setting; a character's facial expressions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writer's thoughts and feelings are conveyed subtly <u>without</u> the use of the words 'feel' or 'felt' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writer's feelings are included but only in a direct way; e.g. "I felt..." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No indication of how the writer feels
Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is powerful sense of relevance or significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a sense of relevance or significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry is merely a sequence of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry appears to be a collection of random events.
Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences flow smoothly and are of varying lengths and patterns Effective use of literary devices to enhance the mood Some sentences omit the subject and start with the verb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences flow smoothly Sentences are of varying lengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences are of similar lengths and patterns, although flowing relatively smoothly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences are somewhat abrupt and do not flow smoothly
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very few spelling, grammar, punctuation mistakes, and word spacing is accurate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and word spacing, but still easy to understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many errors but still intelligible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many errors, making it difficult to understand