

Social Studies Reading Journal

50 points per entry

Procedure: Periodically I will give you articles of information to read either by yourself or as a group. You will complete a journal entry, on a lined sheet of paper, that follows the guidelines listed below.

Part 1: Each entry should contain the following information (10 points):

- Your name
- the date
- the title of the article and page range
- Approximately, how much time it took to read the article

Part 2: Summarize the article in approximately 5 sentences (20 points).

Part 3: Respond to four (4) of the following statements (5 points each):

- I got confused when...
- I was distracted by...
- I started to think about...
- I got stuck when...
- The time went quickly because...
- A word/some words I didn't know were...
- I stopped because...
- I lost track of everything except...
- I figured out...
- I first thought...then I realized...
- This reminded me of...
- What I read was like what we have been covering in class because...

Each thoughtfully completed entry of the SSR journal will be worth 50 points; make sure what you write in insightful, yet honest. Please do not waste my time or yours with this assignment. *Capitalization, punctuation, and complete sentences are required to receive full credit.*

IF YOU ARE GONE WHEN WE COMPLETE A SSR JOURNAL ENTRY, YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE IT UP ON YOUR TIME, NOT CLASS TIME. "MAKE UP" JOURNALS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF THE ABSENCE/TARDY IS EXCUSED AND WILL RECEIVE THE AUTOMATIC 30% LOSS OF POINTS.

No credit answers:

- I wasn't distracted by anything.
- I knew all of the words
- The time went quickly because I was reading.
- I wasn't confused by anything.
- I didn't get stuck.
- I stopped because I was thinking. (If you elaborate and tell me what you were thinking about I will give you points for being honest, but you must explain what it was you were thinking about)
- I stopped because I was done reading / I stopped because I was finished with the article.
- I stopped because it was boring.
- I was distracted by the phone ringing (or other "regular" classroom noises).
- I first thought this was dumb and then thought it was worse (or variations unless explained)

NOTE: I will add to this list of "no credit answers" on your graded journal entries. Pay attention to the notes I make to you when they are handed back.