

## Character Journal

Directions: Choose a character from a primary source, historical event, etc, and write a journal entry from that person's point of view.

Make sure to give context details like the year, events that have happened, and what the character might feel or think about what is going on around them.

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Journal Entry for:   mother of soldier in Civil War  

*I can't believe he is gone. My only son Roy, has left for a war that I don't even understand. Why does he have to go fight? So many people in town have blamed the Northerns for issues in trade and not favoring the use of slaves. But we run our own farm and don't own slaves. And we barely trade with other people, we sustain ourselves on the farm, so I hate that my only son has to fight for something that barley impacts us.*

*I am having trouble keeping up with the daily tasks. Roy used to handle most of the manual labor during the spring and we just needed help from a few friends later in the year. But with his wife, Sally, having the newborn baby, I am on my own for trying to keep this up.*

*I don't have the strength to do it on my own and I do not think we would be able to afford hiring any help to do the work. I do hope that I hear from Roy soon. He doesn't write often, and when he does, his letters are short and not very detailed. I do hope he is alright.*

