

After Reading: Write a Diary Entry as a Character

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Task Overview

You will **write a diary entry** from the point of view of a character in the story.

A diary shows:

- personal thoughts
- feelings
- reactions to events
- hopes and fears

Your diary must sound like the **character is writing it themselves**.

Part 1 – Choose Your Character

Write the name of the character whose voice you will use:

I am writing as: _____

Choose **ONE**:

- Philippe Petit
- A police officer
- A construction worker
- A person watching on the street
- One of the Twin Towers
- The wind
- A friend of Philippe

- Other: _____
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Part 2 – Collect Ideas for Your Diary

A. What important event will your diary entry describe?

(Example: The morning of the walk, the moment Philippe stepped onto the wire, the arrest, looking up from the street)

Event:

B. What emotions did the character feel?

Circle or add your own.

amazed / nervous / afraid / proud / excited / angry / confused / brave / peaceful / shocked / joyful / worried

Add 2 more: _____

C. What thoughts might this character have had?

Write at least 3 ideas:

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
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Part 3 – Diary Writing Support

Useful Sentence Starters

- *Dear Diary,*
- *Today was a day I will never forget.*
- *When I first saw...*

- *I couldn't believe my eyes when...*
 - *I was terrified that... / I was thrilled because...*
 - *Everyone around me...*
 - *In that moment, I realized...*
 - *I hope that... / I wonder if...*
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Diary Requirements

Your diary entry should:

- Be written in **first person (I / my / me)**
- Include **feelings and thoughts**
- Describe **what happened** in detail
- Show the character's **voice and personality**
- Be about **120–150 words**