

JOURNAL PROMPTS for Middle Schoolers

Directions...

1. Read the prompt of the week.
2. Respond using correct capitalization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
3. Read over your response thoroughly to make sure all parts of the prompt are included.
4. Prepare to share your journal.

Journal Response Rubric

Rating	Content	Conventions	Presentation
4	<p>Student responded to and incorporated ALL components of the journal prompt.</p> <p>Student included a topic sentence, specific details, and a closing sentence for each paragraph.</p> <p>Student writing is thorough, organized, and on-topic.</p>	<p>Student spelled all words correctly.</p> <p>Student used perfect grammar with no errors.</p> <p>Student capitalized and punctuated with no errors.</p>	<p>The first word of each paragraph is indented and words are spaced correctly.</p> <p>It is evident the student proofread the journal response.</p>

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 48pt; font-weight: bold;">3</p>	<p>Student responded to and incorporated most of the essential information in response to the journal prompt.</p> <p>Student included a topic sentence, many specific details, and a closing sentence for each paragraph.</p> <p>Student writing is on-topic.</p>	<p>Student had 1-2 spelling errors.</p> <p>Student used mostly correct grammar with 1-2 errors.</p> <p>Student capitalized and punctuated with 1-2 errors.</p>	<p>The first word of each paragraph is indented and words are spaced correctly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 48pt; font-weight: bold;">2</p>	<p>Student responded to and incorporated some of the essential information in response to the journal prompt.</p> <p>Student did not include a topic sentence, any specific details, and/or a closing sentence for each paragraph.</p> <p>Student writing is incomplete and not on-topic.</p>	<p>Student had 3-4 spelling errors.</p> <p>Student used inconsistent grammar with 3-4 errors.</p> <p>Student capitalized and punctuated with 3-4 errors.</p>	<p>Indentation and spacing are inconsistent.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 48pt; font-weight: bold;">1</p>	<p>Student included no essential information to complete the journal response.</p> <p>Student did not include a topic sentence, any details, or a closing sentence .</p> <p>Student writing is unfinished, disorganized, and off-topic.</p>	<p>Student spelled more than 5 words incorrectly.</p> <p>Student used poor grammar with more than 5 errors.</p> <p>Student capitalized and punctuated writing with more than 5 errors.</p>	<p>Student response is illegible.</p> <p>Student did not indent or organize writing in sentence or paragraph form.</p>

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Summer Writing Prompt #1

Directions: Read the summer writing prompt. Respond using correct capitalization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Read over your response thoroughly to make sure all parts of the prompt are included. Prepare to share your journal.

If you could be an ice cream truck driver anywhere in the world for the summer, where would it be? Why would you choose to drive your truck here? What ice cream treats would you be sure to carry?



