

# Journal Writing Rubric

	POOR (1)	OKAY (2)	GOOD (3)	EXCELLENT (4)
<b>Knowledge/ Understanding</b> Information and Ideas	✚ Presents incomplete or inaccurate information and ideas	✚ Presents some accurate information and some ideas	✚ Presents accurate information and complete ideas	✚ Presents accurate information and insightful ideas
<b>Thinking/Inquiry</b> Analyzing and Explaining	✚ Expresses few ideas, with limited support by relevant evidence or rationales ✚ Asks few questions	✚ Expresses some ideas, supported by relevant evidence or rationales ✚ Asks some questions	✚ Expresses ideas, supported by relevant evidence or rationales ✚ Asks good questions	✚ Expresses many ideas, supported effectively by relevant evidence or rationales ✚ asks probing or insightful questions
<b>Communication</b> Language and Style	✚ Meaning and intent are frequently clear ✚ Shows limited sense of purpose and audience	✚ Meaning and intent are sometimes unclear ✚ Shows some sense of purpose and audience	✚ Meaning and intent are clear ✚ Shows clear sense of purpose and audience	✚ Meaning and intent are clear and engaging ✚ Shows strong sense of purpose and audience
<b>Application</b> Conventions in Language	✚ Frequent, major mechanical errors	✚ Some major mechanical errors	✚ Some minor mechanical errors	✚ Few minor mechanical errors
<b>Making Connections</b> Getting Personal	✚ Makes few personal connections with topic	✚ Makes some personal connections with topic	✚ Makes considerable personal connections with topic	✚ Makes many personal connections with the topic

Overall Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ / 20

**20–18: Excellent**

**17–13: Good**

**12–8: Okay**

**7–5: Poor**