Life in the Trenches Journal and Letters Rubrics

Journal

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Content	I wrote entries for	I wrote 3 entries	I wrote fewer	I wrote only 1
	more than three	describing three	than 3 entries, or	entry or my
	different days	different kinds of	some of my	entries all
	describing three	realistic war	entries may	describe similar
	different kinds of	experiences.	describe similar	experiences.
	realistic war experiences.		experiences.	
Content:	I described my	I described my	I used some	My entries were
Historical	experiences and	experiences and	concrete	generally brief
Accuracy	feelings	feelings with	language to	and vague and
,	thoroughly with	historically	describe my	did not reflect
	historically	accurate,	experiences and	historical
	accurate,	concrete details	feelings, but	information.
	concrete details	about people,	much of my	
	about people,	places, and	description was	
	places, and	events.	brief, vague, and	
	events.		unsupported by	
			actual historical	
			information.	
Writing Style	My journal was	My journal was	My journal was	My journal did
	written in the	written in a style	an attempt to use	not read like
	style that is	that used some	some features of	private writing.
	appropriate for	features of	private writing	
	private writing. I	private writing to	but they may	
	effectively used	successfully	have been	
	such features as	explain my	distracting and	
	era-appropriate	feelings.	confusing.	
	slang, drawings,			
	incomplete			
	sentences, and			
	stream-of- consciousness			
	writing to create			
	a accurately			
	reflect my			
	feelings about			
	what I was			
	experiencing.			
Writing	The writing in my	The writing in my	The writing in my	The writing in my
Conventions	journal has no	journal has no	journal has some	journal has so
	errors in spelling,	errors in spelling,	errors in spelling,	many errors in
	punctuation,	punctuation,	punctuation,	spelling,
	capitalization, or	capitalization, or	capitalization, or	punctuation,
	usage, unless	usage that	usage that	capitalization, or
	they are	detract from	detract from	usage that it is
	deliberately used	meaning.	meaning.	difficult to
	to enhance the]		understand.
	meaning.			
Creativity	My journal	My journal	My journal	My journal
	includes some	includes some	includes some	includes no
	features that help	features that	features that are	features that

make it seem realistic and contribute to its overall effectiveness.	make it seem authentic and realistic.	meant to make it seem realistic, but they are distracting and do not contribute to its effectiveness.	make it seem realistic.
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Letters

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Content	I wrote more than 2 letters describing different kinds of experiences (written at 2 different times) to at least 2 different people.	I wrote 2 letters describing different kinds of experiences on different days.	I wrote 2 letters describing similar experiences.	I wrote 1 letter.
Content: Historical Accuracy (Write as if your letter will not be censored.).	I described my experiences and feelings thoroughly with historically accurate, concrete details about people, places, and events.	I described my experiences and feelings with historically accurate, concrete details about people, places, and events.	I used some concrete language to describe my experiences and feelings, but much of my description was brief, vague, and unsupported by actual historical information.	My entries were generally brief and vague and did not reflect historical information.
Writing Style	My letters are written in a style appropriate to the era, using fairly lengthy descriptions and formal language.	My letters are generally written in a style appropriate to the era, using description and formal language.	My letters make an attempt to write in a style appropriate to the errors, but they usually sound like they were written by a modern person.	My letters sound like they were written by a modern person, not by someone living during World War I.
Writing Conventions	The writing in my letter has no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage.	The writing in my letter has no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that detract from meaning.	The writing in my letter has some errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that detract from meaning.	The writing in my letter has so many errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that it is difficult to understand.
Creativity	My letters include some features that help make them seem realistic and contribute to its overall effectiveness.	My letters include some features that make them seem authentic and realistic.	My letters include some features that are meant to make them seem realistic, but they are distracting and do not	My letters include no features that make them seem realistic.

	contribute to their	
	effectiveness.	