

Diary Scoring Guide

| Descriptor Points | Effective | Adequate | Somewhat | Little or None |
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| | 10-9 | 8-7 | 6-4 | 3-0 |
| Content of Diary Entry | My diary is about one event and its impact on my personal or professional life. | My diary is generally all about one event and its impact on my personal or professional life. | My diary is mostly about one event and its impact on my personal or professional life, but sometimes I get a little off the subject. | My diary seems to be about a lot of different, unrelated events and don't show their impacts on my personal or professional life. |
| Creativity | I surprise the reader with appropriate, unusual features that add meaning and contribute to the readers's enjoyment and understanding. | I include some unusual features to add meaning and enhance my readers enjoyment. | I try to add some unusual features, but they may not add to the meaning. | My interpretation is predictable. |
| Word Choice | I use emotional and interesting words that make my entry seem realistic. | I use emotional and interesting words when I can. | I often use ordinary, predictable words. | I usually use ordinary, predictable words. |
| Examples and Details | I use appropriate, vivid details and examples in my writing to prove I know a lot about my Great Thinker's life. | I use appropriate detail in my writing to prove I know about the life and times of my Great Thinker. | Some of my writing is too general and does not have enough detail to prove I know very much about the life and times of my Great Thinker. | I have very little detail in my writing and offer little or no proof that I know about the life and times of my Great Thinker. |
| Sentence Fluency | Some sentences are long, some are medium, and some are short. I start my sentences with different words and phrases so they do not all sound the same. | I have some variety in my sentence length and beginnings. | Many of my sentences are about the same length, and some of them begin with the same kind of phrase or word. | My sentences are mostly about the same length, and many of them begin with the same kind of phrase or word. |

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| Conventions | I am careful to check my writing for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, so I do not have any mistakes. | I check my writing for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, and I do not have any mistakes that would confuse people while they are reading. | I check my writing for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, but sometimes I have mistakes that confuse people while they are reading. | I do not check my writing for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, and I have several mistakes that confuse people while they are reading. |
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