

Life in the Trenches Journal and Letters Rubrics

Journal

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Content	I wrote entries for more than three different days describing three different kinds of realistic war experiences.	I wrote 3 entries describing three different kinds of realistic war experiences.	I wrote fewer than 3 entries, or some of my entries may describe similar experiences.	I wrote only 1 entry or my entries all describe similar experiences.
Content: Historical Accuracy	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 journal was written in the style that is appropriate for private writing. I effectively used such features as era-appropriate slang, drawings, incomplete sentences, and stream-of-consciousness writing to create a accurately reflect my feelings about what I was experiencing.	My journal was written in a style that used some features of private writing to successfully explain my feelings.	My journal was an attempt to use some features of private writing but they may have been distracting and confusing.	My journal did not read like private writing.
Writing Conventions	The writing in my journal has no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage, unless they are deliberately used to enhance the meaning.	The writing in my journal has no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that detract from meaning.	The writing in my journal has some errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that detract from meaning.	The writing in my journal has so many errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage that it is difficult to understand.
Creativity	My journal includes some features that help make it seem realistic and	My journal includes some features that make it seem authentic and	My journal includes some features that are meant to make it seem realistic,	My journal includes no features that make it seem realistic.

	contribute to its overall effectiveness.	realistic.	but they are distracting and do not contribute to its effectiveness.	
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Letters

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 contribute to their effectiveness.	My letters include no features that make them seem realistic.