

## Diary Scoring Guide

Descriptor Points	Effective	Adequate	Somewhat	Little or None
	10-9	8-7	6-4	3-0
<b>Content of Diary Entry</b>	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.
<b>Creativity</b>	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.
<b>Word Choice</b>	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.
<b>Examples and Details</b>	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.
<b>Sentence Fluency</b>	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.

<b>Conventions</b>	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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