

# Scoring Rubric for Journal Writing

|                  | Score of 4<br>★ ★ ★ ★   | Score of 3<br>★ ★ ★   | Score of 2<br>★ ★   | Score of 1<br>★  |
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| Word Choice      | The journal has rich description, sensory details, and vivid words and phrases.           | The journal has some description, a few good details, and some interesting words and phrases. | The journal has only a little description, only a few details, and few colorful words or phrases. | The journal has almost no description or details, and no interesting words or phrases. |
| Voice            | The entries are original and engaging. They are appropriate for the purpose and audience. | The entries are appropriate for the purpose and audience.                                     | Language isn't always appropriate for the audience and lacks originality.                         | Writer's voice is not evident in the writing.  |
| Sentence Fluency | The sentences are written in a variety of ways.   | Some sentences show variety, but many are the same type.                                      | Most of the sentences are written in the same way.  | Most sentences are not written correctly.  |
| Conventions      | There are very few errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.                          | There are a few errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.                                 | There are many errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.                                      | There are so many errors that the writing is hard to understand.                       |