



The Journal Project

*"I never travel without my diary.
One should always have something
sensational to read on the train."
—Oscar Wilde*

You will be keeping a journal throughout the semester. Here are the overall guidelines:

1. You will usually be writing in your journal about *once* a week.
2. Each journal entry must be at least **one page** in length.
3. Please **DOUBLE SPACE!**
4. Write on only **the front side** of the notebook paper.
5. Use only **blue or black** ink and **12 point traditional font** if you type it.
6. **Title the entry** on the top line of the paper.
7. Place your **name, the date, and your class hour** in the **top right-hand corner** of the paper (not on the lines).
8. I will not hold you accountable for grammar rules that we have not covered in class yet. I am more concerned with the content of each entry. I want you to **THINK** about your topic and to **CONCENTRATE** on communicating your ideas as clearly as possible. However, correct capitalization and end punctuation are expected. You **MUST** write in complete sentences. Do your best to spell words correctly and to use grammar appropriately.
9. **Write neatly!** I **DO** need to be able to read your entries.
10. You need to **TURN IN YOUR ENTRIES IN A FOLDER WITH BRADS.** Make sure you put your name and class hour on the front cover.
11. If there is a problem in one of these areas, your entries will not count.
12. Remember that you are not writing this journal for me. You are writing this journal for you. Therefore, do your best. Your journal will only be as valuable to you as the amount of time and effort you put into it. Maybe you'll never read your journal again once the year is over. However, one day your children may read it, and they'll be glad that you took the time to record all of these details about yourself—details that make you *you*.

Journal Topics

You must complete **2** journal entries for this assignment. Number ONE is required, but you must also choose another one from the ten that remain.

1. **REQUIRED:** Relate your testimony. When were you saved? How do you know you are saved? What are you trusting in to get you to heaven?
2. Describe what you think your life will be ten years from now. Where will you be living? Where will you be working? Will you be married and have kids?
3. Describe someone who is your hero, or you may create a fictional hero.
4. What was the worst trouble you got into as a kindergartener, elementary school student, or junior high student? What did you learn from this experience?
5. How did the tragedy of September 11, 2001, change this country? Have any stories from that day influenced your life?
6. Describe your best friend. Why is he/she your friend? What qualities do you think are important in friendship?
7. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? What are your hobbies? Why do you enjoy them?
8. Describe your favorite family vacation. Where did you go? What did you do? What makes it your favorite?
9. Ask your mom or dad what they were like as a child. Where did they live? Who were their best friends? What did they enjoy doing? Do they have any funny or special memories?
10. Ask your parents to tell you their "love story." How did they meet? How long did they date? When did they fall in love?