

Journal Entry Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____

Evaluation: _____

Criterion	Superior	Good	Average	Below Average	Poor
Assignment Guidelines Followed					
The entry effectively meets the needs of the assignment description.					
The writer formats the paper correctly (1-2 typed pages; 10-12 point font; includes name, course, date, etc.) and staples the assignment before class begins.					
Thesis/Topic/Argument:					
The topic itself is clearly defined and focused.					
The essay has a clear focus outlined in the introductory paragraph.					
The entry employs valid reasoning.					
The entry employs effective and appropriate evidence, examples, and details.					
Any outside sources of information are used carefully and cited appropriately (MLA).					
Organization:					
The organization—chronological, spatial, or emphatic—is appropriate for the purpose and subject of the essay.					
The entry's title and introduction establish a context and purpose for writing.					
The body paragraphs are controlled by explicit topic sentences; they are well developed; and they progress logically from what precedes them.					
Style:					
The prose is clear, readable, and sometimes memorable.					
It contains few surface errors, none of which seriously undermines the overall effectiveness of the paper for educated readers.					
It demonstrates fluency in stylistic flourishes (subordination, variation of sentence and paragraph lengths, interesting vocabulary).					

19 Rules to Review: _____

A-H Hints to Review: _____