

JOURNAL GUIDE

ENGLISH 11

Name _____

Date _____

The purpose of writing this assignment is to give you practice exploring and presenting your thoughts on paper, and to develop your analytical writing process.

Date every entry. Write for 15-20 minutes without stopping, which will produce about 1 page of writing for each session. Spelling, grammar and punctuation are not a consideration in this assignment. Concentrate on expressing the free flow of your ideas or observations. Try to add details and specifics so that your insights are clear.

*****For 10 of the 30 journals due in this class: write about 10 of the following 12 concepts. Give a dictionary definition of the word on the top of the page. Think of a specific example from your experience or observations of when you (or someone you witnessed) displayed or did not display the topic. Be complete, clear, and creative. Show how the person acted or did not act in accordance with one of these ideas. What happened? Were there any surprises? What were the feelings before, during and after the event? Add relevant details as appropriate. Do NOT write for a page in a general way about the topic! Get specific and pick a single incident to demonstrate your understanding of the concept.

Perseverance	Optimism	Compassion
Loyalty	Deliberateness	Initiative
Respect	Adaptability	Trustworthiness
Responsibility	Honesty	Courage

Remember, this is a journal, NOT a diary. Regarding all 30 entries, do not waste time with a list of activities you did or plan to do that day. Pick a single concept and explore that idea. Think. Any topic is ok; the idea is to delve into personal reflections about ideas relevant and important to you. Look at both sides of an argument you hear people discussing. Demonstrate your unique understanding of the world.

For additional topics see your instructor.