

REFLECTIONS JOURNAL

Objectives:

- 1) To maintain a collection of personal reflections focused on TOK themes and readings.
- 2) To encourage students to reflect on class discussions and readings in a systematic, process-oriented way.

Procedure & Requirements for Assessments Included in the Journal:

- All journal entries will be maintained in a fully bound, composition notebook (no perforated, detachable paper notebooks or spiral notebooks accepted). Entries must be included in the journal as assigned.

** Failure to include any part of the entry sections outlined below will result in a point deduction per missing part. Additionally, the instructor reserves the right to judge whether a response or question adequately fulfills the requirements.*

- **Entry Format** - 5 points total for each entry (Rough length: minimum 1-2 pages)
 1. Entry must be numbered and dated; question prompt or title of media must be included exactly as assigned. #2-5 below must be clearly identified throughout the entry.
 2. **IR** [Initial Response]: Initial individual response to the prompt question(s) or the assigned media must follow the prompt (*50 word minimum*); if there is a follow up question in a given prompt, both questions must be addressed in the response to earn this point. [1 pt]
 3. **DN** [Discussion Notes]: Class discussion notes must follow and should include notes on interesting points brought to light during discussion; at least 5 or more key idea points must be included to earn this credit. [1 pt]
 4. **CR** [Class Reflection]: A set of comments and reflections should be made by the student *after the class discussion concludes* and when they are prompted to write (*100 word minimum*); the teacher will occasionally provide a prompt for this reflection to further a line of inquiry, but otherwise, the student should summarize what they have learned from discussion and set up for the final question. The student is expected to clarify, develop, and/or even correct, their initial response in consideration of the discussion focus. [2pt]
+ *Must be completed as per word count and will be qualitatively assessed*
[2 pts total → *adequate/complete = 1pt; well done/thoughtful = 2pts*]
 5. **FQ** [Final Question]: Entry must end with a final question that the student is left with after due consideration of the discussion (this

during discussion). [1 pt]

* In general, students are always expected to do the following for these entries to score full credit:

1. Adhere to the entry format as designated in #1-5 above and maintaining entries in the bound composition book as assigned.
2. Follow the verbal and prescribed instructions provided by the instructor; there may be minor changes to format.
3. Include in each entry any relevant and additional concept and/or discussion notes the instructor provides for clarifying concepts in class. These notes are NOT considered Discussion Notes (DN); DN is designated for ideas, thoughts, and questions that arise during discussion, not a concept explanation.
4. Turn in your journal on the day assigned for your class. "On time" means when the instructor collects the journal during class, not after the period has ended. If submitted after collection, 20% deductions will be applied to EACH entry being graded for that particular check. The journal must be submitted no later than the next class period, otherwise, another 20% deduction will be applied for each class period the journal has not been submitted.