

Basic Journal Format

- 1) Journal #, Title as Given, Date
- 2) Initial Response (IR) – 50 words+
- 3) Discussion Notes (DN) – 5+ notes
- 4) Class Reflection (CR) – 100 words+
Focus on confusion, corrections, interests,
and set up for FQ)
- 5) Final Question (FQ) – 1 question

Journal FAQ

Should I label all parts? **Yes**

How long? **1-2 pages generally**

Write as much as you can, then check word count...

How many points? **5 pts total**

IR (1) - DN (1) - CR (2) - FQ (1)

How might I lose points? **Late, Incomplete, Quality (Lack of sincere consideration of ques. & disc.)**

Journal FAQ



Does my entry always have to follow the prescribed order (IR-DN-CR-FQ)?

Yes

Should I start on a new page for each entry? **Yes**

May I write on the backside of the paper? **Yes**

May I doodle on entries during discussions? **Yes, as long as the doodles are school-appropriate**

Journal FAQ

Do I need a bookmark?

Yes, make your own distinctive, useful one.

Where should I bookmark at collection time?

The entry after the last graded entry.

What do I do if I was absent/late on the day of a journal? **Make sure to get the prompt (website), write the IR and get DN from a classmate; then find out if you are expected to finish the CR & FQ. Ask classmates or Mr. Collazo if you are confused. Try to do all of this BEFORE the next class if possible, but no later than the class after your return.**