**Journal Entry Rubric**

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| **Category** | **4 Exemplary** | **3Accomplished** | **2 Developing** | **1Beginning** | **0 Incomplete** |
| **Focus on Topic** | There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information. | Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general. | Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information. | The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information. | Student failed to complete task. |
| **Adding Personality** | The writer seems to be writing from knowledge or experience. The author has taken the ideas and made them "his/her own." | The writer seems to be drawing on knowledge or experience, but there is some lack of ownership of the topic. | The writer relates some of his/her own knowledge or experience, but it adds nothing to the discussion of the topic. | The writer has not tried to transform the information in a personal way. The ideas and the way they are expressed seem to belong to someone else. |  |