

Handout 8

Criteria for an Effective Journal Entry

- Makes specific references to the text.
- Focuses upon the important ideas in the text.
- Offers personal views, insights, and reactions to the text.
- Offers questions, speculations and information about the text.

Depending on the instructional emphasis, teachers would focus on a particular aspect or aspects of the text that the students are reading e.g. character, main ideas, issues, events, theme, literary techniques, purposes, comparison and contrast etc.