

Grade 1 - Journal Writing Rubric

Criteria or Component	Levels of Performance				Scoring
	1 (No)	2 (Yes, but . . .)	3 (Yes!)	4 (Yes and more!)	
Composing Journal Entry	The writing and illustrations do not focus on a topic.	The writer somewhat focuses on a topic. Illustrations are included but may not support the writing.	The writer focuses on one topic with relevant illustrations.	The writer focuses on one topic with detailed and relevant illustrations and ideas.	
Composing Organization	The writer does not include adjectives or details.	The writer includes limited adjectives and/or details.	The writer includes some relevant adjectives and details.	The writer includes multiple adjectives and details that expand the writing.	
Usage & Mechanics Capitalization Punctuation	The writing does not include complete sentences, capitalization, and punctuation.	The writing includes limited use of complete sentences, capitalization, and ending punctuation.	The writing includes mostly complete sentences, correct capitalization, and ending punctuation.	The writing includes complete sentences, correct capitalization, and correct ending punctuation.	
Usage & Mechanics Spelling	Most high frequency words and familiar vocabulary are misspelled.	Multiple high frequency words and familiar vocabulary are misspelled.	Most high frequency words and familiar vocabulary are spelled correctly.	All high frequency words and familiar vocabulary are spelled correctly.	
Comments/Feedback:					Total Score:
Grading Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 - 5 points - Beginning ● 6 - 10 points - Emerging ● 11 - 13 points - Proficient ● 14 - 16 points - Advanced 					Overall Grade: _____