

AP/WS Journal Entries

- 1.) A transfer student walks into this classroom. S/he does not know any of you, has never seen you before in their life. What will they think of you, based on first impressions? Include what you're wearing, body language, what you're carrying, how you're behaving in class, etc.
- 2.) You are lying on the beach. Be precise and thorough: describe what you see, smell, taste, and feel. (Sensory details)
- 3.) Write the welcome speech you would have loved to hear on the first day of school!
- 3.) Write and expand upon (give an extract of) 5 ideas that could be included in a book entitled 101 Creative Uses for Trash.
- 4.) If your parents created a report card to grade you at home, what topics would they grade? Would you be an A student? What would your grades be? Why do you excel at the courses you excel at? How can you improve on your at home grades?
- 5.) A greeting card company is considering hiring you to design cards. Design AND write the card you will submit to your interviewers as a sample of your abilities.
- 6.) Write the first page of a mystery entitled "The Mystery of the Missing Monkey."

- 3.) What do potatoes and babies have in common?
- 4.) Describe thoroughly an unusual setting for a murder mystery.
- 5.) A letter has arrived for you from a person from your past. Who wrote it? Write the letter. (Bonus: Write your response.)
- 6.) Write at least 10 endings for the phrase, "I have always..."
- 7.) Compare/Contrast the television news, the daily newspaper, and internet news. Which is most effective? Why? How? Whyfor? Wither and non?
- 8.) Write a dialogue between a zookeeper and the first talking elephant.
- 9.) Last night you fell asleep while typing at your computer (working too hard for AP English). Miraculously, your fingers kept typing. What did you write? Did you chat?
- 10.) Create at least 5 reasons that autumn is called fall. Write a vignette or poem about autumn combining these ideas.
- 11.) A shop owner has left the front door of the store open. On the sidewalk nearby, a large dog is chasing a cat. Someone or something else also arrives on the scene. Predict what might happen next. Be descriptive.
- 12.) A pickpocket has just stolen your wallet. Write two descriptions of the incident: one from your POV and one from the POV of the pickpocket.

- 7.) Write a short short story (or flash fiction) in which all words with more than 4 letters must begin with *h*. (ie: Once upon a time, a *husband* went into a *haunted house*...)
- 8.) You teacher will be away for a week, and a famous person, living or dead, will teach you. Who will you choose to be your substitute? Why? What will you learn that week? What will get accomplished?
- 9.) Invent a main character for a mystery novel. Create a name for the character and give a detailed description of his or her looks, habits, behavior, traits, personality, etc.
- 10.) Write about a time when someone hurt your feelings.
- 11.) Hollywood has called to ask you for an idea for a new movie—this is your big chance! Write and explain your idea, as you would ‘pitch’ it to the Hollywood bigwigs.
- 12.) Imagine you are moving to a place with a climate that is vastly different than the climate in which you now live. List ten weather-related words you hear now, but wouldn’t hear there; and then ten words vice-versa. In which place would you prefer to live, and why?
- 13.) Someone from a vastly different culture doesn’t understand why animals are kept in cages at the zoo. Explain as thoroughly as possible.