

Independent Novel Student Journal #1

Complete a journal entry about on a separate piece of paper and turn it in by the deadline on the handout with the due dates. Follow the guidelines below.

Fiction

This journal entry should coincide with the first few chapters of your book. You should write a minimum ½-1 page about your book so far. These questions do not necessarily need to be answered one by one; they serve as a guide to follow.

Why did you select this novel?

What's going on as the story begins?

Who is telling the story?

What is the setting of the novel? Is the setting important or could the novel be happening anywhere? Why?

What is the initial or first problem faced by the main character?

How does the author get you to read on or hold your interest?

Have you learned anything so far?

What do you think will happen as the events continue?

Nonfiction

This journal entry should coincide with the first few chapters of your book. You should write a minimum ½-1 page about your book so far. These questions do not necessarily need to be answered one by one; they serve as a guide to follow.

Why did you select this book?

Based on what you have read so far, what do you think a reader should know before starting this book?

What is the real life topic the book is discussing?

Is the person telling the story part of the events depicted in the book?

Where do the events take place?

How does the author get you to read on or hold your interest?

Have you learned anything so far?

What do you think will happen as the events continue?