

# Journal Scoring Guide

**4** ➔  
**Wow!**

**Your Journal response is reflective, detailed, and lively.**

**Content—what is said:**

- Specific, accurate information
- Well chosen examples and details
- Insightful reflections and connections to broader issues

**Written Expression—how it's said:**

- Obvious purpose for writing
- Interesting and engaging to the reader
- Intentional organizational structure

**3** ➔  
**Strong!**

**Your Journal response is reflective, effective, and solid.**

**Content—what is said:**

- Accurate but general information
- Appropriate details and examples
- Basic reflections and connections to broader issues

**Written Expression—how it's said:**

- Sense of purpose is apparent
- Good development but unoriginal
- Clear organizational structure

**2** ➔  
**Almost**

**Your Journal response is minimally developed and weak.**

**Content—what is said:**

- Brief and generalized information
- Obvious or unrelated examples and details
- Few reflections and connections to broader issues

**Written Expression—how it's said:**

- Purpose is hard to determine
- Minimal development and unoriginal ideas
- Loose organizational structure; difficult to follow

**1** ➔  
**Not Yet**

**Your Journal response is inaccurate and incomplete.**

**Content—what is said:**

- Presents brief and possibly inaccurate information
- Response is a summary or a single idea rather than a reflection

**Written Expression—how it's said:**

- Sense of purpose is not evident
- Response is too brief to evaluate
- Disorganized structure makes the response difficult to understand

**0** ➔  
**Not at All**

- The response is off topic or difficult to understand