

Journal Topic Guidelines

DIRECTIONS FOR JOURNAL TOPIC: You need to write a complete paragraph(s)(five or more sentences per paragraph) on the topic giving. Use proper English, punctuate, and capitalize all proper nouns and the first word in each sentence.

1. Write at least five complete sentences.
2. Stay on topic.
3. Use correct grammar and spelling.
4. Proof read your paper, and have an adult proofread your paper.
5. All sentences need to end with a punctuation mark.
6. Do not start a sentence with *and, but, because, or, nor, or so*.
7. Indent the first word in the paragraph.
8. Capitalize the first word in each sentence and all proper nouns.

JT Rubric

Paragraph Content: 100 points

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| • Paragraph is on the given topic | 10 points |
| • Paragraph is clear and easy to understand | 10 points |
| • Opinions are supported | 10 points |
| • Data is accurate | 10 points |
| • Contains a title | 5 points |
| • Heading with name, date, and TOC | 5 points |
| • Topic sentence introduces the given topic | 10 points |
| • At least 3 sentences supporting the topic sentence | 30 points(10 points/sentence) |
| • Concluding sentence tying together /restating the topic | 10 points |

Paragraph Mechanics: points deducted from content grade

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| • Do not indent paragraph | -5 points each |
| • Start a sentence with <i>and, but, because, or, nor, or so</i> . | -5 points each |
| • Punctuation errors | -2 points each |
| • Capitalization errors | -2 points each |
| • Grammar errors | -2 points each |
| • Spelling errors | -2 points each |
| • Run on sentence | -5 points each |
| • Sentence Fragment | -5 points each |

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