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Reading Journal

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Word choice and language usage	Rich, precise and strong language is used throughout the entry. Vocabulary is used that is linked to the text	Evidence of some strong language and vocabulary linked to the text but is not consistent throughout the entry	Beginning to use strong language and vocabulary, but just a few examples are evident in the entry	Little evidence of strong language and vocabulary from the text
Literal and inferential meaning	Demonstration on deeper thinking, going beyond the book, and reflection are evident in the journal. Support from the text help explain your ideas	Entry is beginning to go beyond the text and think deeply; more support for your ideas from the text is needed	Entry demonstrates an attempt to think deeply about the text but has not provided support from the text	Little evidence of deeper, reflective thinking. A summary or retelling is given without any reflection on the text
Correct form	A clear focus is evident in the entry with a strong topic sentence, clear details with transitions phrases between them, and a concluding sentence	Focus is evident with a topic sentence, details, and closing sentence; all need to be stronger	Entry lacks a clear focus, is missing a topic or closing sentence, and lacks enough details	Correct format is not evident, entry lacks topic sentence, sufficient detail and closing
Mechanics	Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and usage are correct with just one or two errors	Spelling, punctuation, capitalization and usage are correct with three to five errors	Spelling, punctuation, capitalization and usage are correct with six to eight errors	Numerous errors throughout the entry in spelling, capitalization, and usage
Editing and revision	Strong evidence that time has been taken to improve the quality of the entry in all areas.	Entry show that the writer made an attempt to improve the content and found most mechanical errors	Changes have been made, but they are minor and do not demonstrate an attempt to improve the writing	Little or no evidence of revision or editing