Journal Response Rubric

Use this rubric to assess students' abilities to complete the journal activities assigned for this lesson. Share this assessment with students prior to completing the journal-writing lesson so they will understand how they will be assessed. You can also use the rubric as a basis for discussion and feedback with each student.

1. The student writes journal responses in complete sentences.
2. The student writes a full page response to each assigned journal write.
3. The student responds to questions by self questioning, retelling, predicting, or assuming the role of a character or key figure.
4. The student’s experiences and opinions are clear.
5. The student works with a peer to share journal responses and develop a combined response when requested.

Scale:

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The student completes the task with no major errors. The student writes in complete sentences.
The student demonstrates a full understanding of the concepts.

The student completes the task with only a few major errors and some minor errors.
The student demonstrates a strong understanding of the concepts.

The student completes the task with some major errors and many minor errors.
The student has difficulty understanding the concepts.

The student fails to complete the task.
The student does not understand the concepts.

Include anecdotal notes in the space below: