

Diary Entry for a Character

Write a one-page diary entry for a character in your book. Pretend to be a character and write in the first-person ("I"). Focus on identifying a conflict faced by the character and how the character felt about dealing with the conflict. Suggest how your character might have been changed by the experience.

- 1. What conflict did your character face?
- 2. How did your character deal with the conflict?
- 3. What details can you share about how your character felt about dealing with the conflict?
- 4. How was your character changed or was your character changed by the experience?
- 5. Below your diary entry, DISSECT at least 10 difficult words you encountered while reading. Next to each word, include the page number from the book where the word was found.

YOU MUST TURN IN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR PROJECT.

RUBRIC	I'm not there yet (1 pt.)	I'm getting there (3 pts.)	I'm there now (5 pts.)
Information about the book	My diary entry provides little information about my character's conflict and how my character deals with the conflict.	My diary entry somewhat explains my character's conflict and how my character deals with the conflict.	My diary entry thoroughly explains my character's conflict and how my character deals with the conflict.
Reasoning	My diary entry presents little or no information about how my character felt and was changed by the conflict.	My diary entry presents adequate details about how my character felt and was changed by the conflict.	My diary entry presents extensive details about how my character felt and was changed by the conflicts.
Spelling, grammar and punctuation	I did not check my work and there are many spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I checked my work but I missed a few spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I completely checked my work and it is well written with no errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation.
Neatness and effort	I did not put forth my best effort so my diary entry is not the best it can be.	My diary entry is fairly readable but the neatness and effort does not show my best work.	My diary entry is neat and it is easy to read.
Completeness of information	My diary entry includes few of the items in the directions.	My diary entry includes less than half of the items in the directions.	My diary entry includes all of the items in the directions.

Student example for reference only:

Book Title: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* Author: J.K. Rowling

When I heard that I got expelled from Hogwarts School, I was distraught. Luckily, I was trapped in my own room to face my punishment since my evil Uncle Vernon told me that I've already caused enough trouble for him and his annoying son, Dudley. It wasn't fair. I was only trying to protect Dudley from the Dementors but Uncle Vernon still blamed me for almost getting him killed. Next thing I know, I was visited by a group of wizards. They brought me to my godfather's house to discuss the fact that Voldemort was back. I've known this for a while now because I've been having nightmares and sometimes I feel really angry with the people I'm close to. When I was able to go back to Hogwarts, I learned that we had a new teacher named Delores Umbridge, who was replacing Severus Snape to teach us Defense against the Dark Arts. I find her very strict.

Weeks after, I was having many nightmares but this time, they were more disturbing. After Hermione and I blackmailed Professor Umbridge, the centaurs took her with them. The following day, my friends and I were after glass sphere that was named after me and Voldemort. Dementors arrived and we fought. I felt like this was the last time I would breathe and see my friends. Next thing I knew, my godfather arrived as well. While we were fighting the Dementors, somehow I got distracted by the sound of a glass shattering from the ground. When I looked up, I saw my godfather's own cousin kill him with a curse. I cried to myself in pain while I tried to run after his cousin. I felt infuriated for the first time. This was my first time seeing a family member die in front of me. I can't stand the thought of seeing him in my mind all the time. It feels that I'm responsible for what happened back there and I will never ever forgive myself.