**Writing Journal Instructions**

--Purchase a standard 9x11 lined notebook. This notebook should be used only for your journal writing assignments and should not be used for your general notes or for other classes.

--Title each journal entry with DATE, JOURNAL NUMBER/TOPIC

--Each journal entry should be approximately 250 words or a minimum of 1-2 full pages in length. I encourage you to write more than this, however. All writing is good practice. I do not grade for grammar or spelling, but I do grade based on effort.

--Each entry is worth a maximum of 5 points. Note that any entries shorter than the required length or that appear to have been written with minimal effort or thinking will be given partial (or zero) credit.

--This is *your* journal. Feel free to answer all the prompts honestly. Be creative. Embellish in any way you like. I don’t mind doodling or photos, if you copy poems you like, etc. And journals are strictly confidential. I would never share, read aloud, or reproduce them in any way.

--Most days I begin class by writing a journal topic on the board and then you will write for ten minutes. You will complete the journal entry at home. If you are absent or arrive late, make sure you get that day’s journal topic from a classmate.

--You may write additional journal entries on topics that interest you—don’t limit yourself!

--ALL writing in your journal must be your own original work and ideas. If you copy a passage from a book or article or borrow an idea, make sure to clearly cite the source or author. Any uncited work or any entries written by a person other than you is considered plagiarism.

--I will collect your journal twice during the semester.