

Character Journals

Students may write character journals in history, sociology, government, psychology or English classes. To create a character journal, a student creates a fictitious character, taking the time to give the character a well-rounded personality. The “character” writes a journal, a series of letters, a case study or a report based on the discipline in question. For example, a history class could require the character to write a series of letters reporting on a Civil War battle as if the character had been an actual participant in the battle. A class studying the Western Movement could have a character keep a journal detailing the hardships encountered on the Oregon Trail. A student enrolled in sociology class could write a case history of a fictitious client, making use of some the basic principles discussed in the class. Students must base their comments on actual historical events or on discipline specific information. The assignment would require a significant amount of research.