

Journals

Communication

- »Key in on students' interest
- »Correction w/o embarrassment
- »Private—read **only** with permission

Writing Tool

- »Maximizes individualization
- »Moves from:

sentences
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paragraphs
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essays

Motivation

EXTERNAL



INTERNAL

- »responses
- »story starters/endings
- »pictures
- »purposeful provocation

Ground Rules

1. **Value the importance of the journal** by giving adequate time to write, even using class time, and returning journals in a timely & organized fashion.
2. **Corrections** — get “deeper” with growing student self-confidence. Until then, use responses for corrections by example.
3. **Dictionary** — limit this in writing to words that are very specific. Do a “unit” on the dictionary as necessary.
4. **Constantly point out good writing** as they are reading.
5. **Sensitivity and Confidentiality** — read aloud or use examples only with permission or anonymously.
6. **Aim towards Independence** — challenge them for topics. Let journals take their natural course.

	Vocabulary	Spelling	Handwriting/ Mechanics	G r a m m a r
Sentences	Write in Hebrew/ rewrite in English	Correction in back as spelling list	Correction & prac- tice	Individualized exercises
Paragraphs	Connectors add to & give some in advance	Give list in back & they correct their work	Capitalization & punctuation	
Essays	Rewrites Concentration on style "Chapter" stories	Underline & expect correction	More advanced forms — dialogues, etc.	

Motivation

Structure

Sentences:

Write _____ sentences about your family.

Name _____ different foods/places _____ you like.

Give _____ reasons that people smoke.

Riddles & Jokes

Paragraphs:

Simple Listing

Describe your room.

_____ things I like/hate about _____

_____ best ways to scare your teacher.

Time Order

How to ...

What I did when ...

Plots to movies

Comparison Contrast

Why rock music is better than classical music.

What is different about me & my parent.

Cause/Effect

Current Events

Why did ...happen?

"Stealing is OK unless you get caught"

Style:

Fantasy

Once upon a time ...

One day you wake up and you are a louse

Dreams

Sci-fi

Letters

Mock situations — thank your aunt for the lovely ...

Diary entries of other people

Complaints

Factual

How to research

Informational

Biography/Autobiography

The happiest/saddest time

News articles/newscasts

TV shows

Ads

Inventions
