



Area of Study: The Craft of Writing

Keeping a Journal

Journal writing is about keeping a record of events that occur in daily life, either to us or around us, which we feel are important or interesting.

Consider situations which have some significance, some meaning in your life. They don't have to be big events, but they need to have made you feel or made you think about something.

You may feel something (happy, sad, annoyed, excited, uncomfortable)

You may think about the state of the world, your relationship with another person - family member, friend - how you might cope with a difficult situation, something that you'd like to become involved in, something that you believe in.

Content

You might write:

- a paragraph about what you think of the situation in Indonesia
- a comment on a letter to the editor
- a paragraph on how you felt when a friend became involved in risk-taking behaviour
- a detailed description of a North Melbourne football match in which Wayne Carey stars
- an argument in support of changing a school rule
- a light-hearted story about life without power in your household

Keep your eyes and ears open; watch and listen. The subject of a journal entry is all around you.

Form

- Stories
- poems
- paragraphs
- notes
- lists
- reviews,
- reports
- letter
- dialogue