

How To Write a Historical Journal Entry

World History II

A historical journal entry requires you to take the stance of a person and decide what that person is feeling or thinking. You can be creative with your writing, but you need to make sure that your writing is historically accurate. For example, you wouldn't discuss how sad Hitler was after the liberation of the death camps towards the end of World War II.

Steps to writing an historical journal entry:

1. Select a person in history, unless a person has already been assigned to you.
2. Research the person and his or her situation. Be sure to have accurate historical information about this person and their situation.
3. Brainstorm how that person might feel or react, what decisions the person might make, or what actions the person might take.
4. Begin writing the journal entry from the perspective of the person you have selected. Discuss how this person might have felt and what they might have thought about the particular topic or situation you are discussing. Be creative and include accurate historical facts.
5. Read your journal entry and decide if you need to add or eliminate any details. Check your grammar and spelling and make sure you met all of the assignment requirements.