

## Journal Project

### **DBQ Project Essential Questions:**

- (1) How did the author's personal life influence his/her writing?**
- (2) How did the times in which the author lived, the life events the author experienced influence his/her writing?**
- (3) How did this author influence the genre of literature for which he/she is best known?**

As your author, you will write five (5) journal entries from various time periods in your author's life. The entries must be dated, and the dates must be "realistic." By that I mean, the dates are consistent with the events you are writing about (e.g., if, as Tolkien, you are writing about experiences in the trenches, be certain that the date coincides with World War I). Each journal entry should be at least 2-3 paragraphs in length. The event should be described and explained (supported by evidence from your research), and should be connected to the author's life.

These entries should address *aspects of the three essential questions you answered during your research into this author.*

- (1) First and second journal entries should address the incident(s) that occurred in the author's personal life that influenced his/her writing.**
- (2) Third and fourth journal entries should address the times in which the author lived and the life events that shaped/influenced his/her writing**
- (3) Fifth journal entry should address the influence the author feels he/she has (is having) on the genre of literature.**

Finally, you will create a cover for your journal. The cover could be a new idea for a book cover of one of the author's novels, or could be a representation of an aspect of the author's life or works. You decide.

# DBQ-Journal Rubric

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:	Student Evaluation	Teacher Evaluation
Each of five journal entries have dates consistent with history		/ 10
Journal entry 1 addresses Essential Question #1		/10
Journal entry 2 addresses Essential Question #1		/10
Journal entry 3 addresses Essential Question #2.		/10
Journal entry 4 addresses Essential Question #2		/10
Journal entry 5 addresses Essential Question #3.		/10
Bibliography is complete and accurate.		/10
Paper is well edited for conventions: grammar, spelling, capitalization and punctuation.		/5
Paper follows final copy guidelines: neat, in blue/black ink, etc.		/5
Student Evaluation is <u>Thoughtfully</u> Completed		/5
Creativity: Journal cover represents some important aspect of author's life, or is a unique cover for one of his/her works		/15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>	<b>/100</b>

Give yourself a TOTAL! 