Journalling

Top 10 ways to Increase Journaling Engagement

Journalling is going to be more successful, if their work is acknowledged, there's accountability and it's meaningfully and connected to an engaging lesson.

Grade It

Simple grade, everyone who uses a specific vocabulary words or criteria, gets 5/5 points for journal
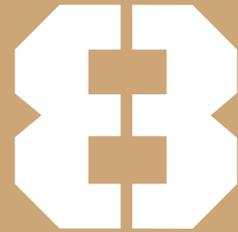
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Comment on it

While it takes a lot of teacher time. On complex or interesting Journal Prompts, collect them and make written comments.

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Candy for your thoughts

Great for a short answer to a difficult question. Provide candy after students share thoughts in a "whip around."

Team Journal Entry

Everyone creates a journal entry.

Then you pass the journal entry within your group.

If you have a different answer, write it down.
If you have the same answer, think of a new answer and write it down.

Pass It Pattern

Tell students to write their names on the top of the journal page.

After writing tell students to pass the journal forward a row, left, left, forward.

Student then write something specific and positive in the journal, then ask a question.

Student then return journals...
(Allow conversations)

Ticket to trade

Have students create a multiple choice or short answer question on one side with the answer on the other.
(Not an opinion)

Students rotate and ask their questions, then if they both get the answers correct correct they exchange questions and keep rotating.

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Take a corner (side)

Assign a location (corners work well) to each answer.

Have students with the same answer meet in their assigned location.

Without talking have students in that corner exchange journals and discuss.

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Post it

Students copy answer from Journal onto a post it note.

Student then place the post it somewhere.

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Last Group Standing

Great for journals that involve a list.

Have a group (partners - group of 3) merge list

Groups share one answer, but cross of answers if they are given by another group.

Last group to still have item on list... Wins

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Snowball

Ask students to go to a blank, new journal page

Write your name and the answers on journal page.

Throw answers in the middle of the room.

Share out the answer they wrote.

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