

Red Ball Express Writing Prompt and Rubric

It is October 1944 and you are a driver on the Red Ball Express. You find yourself with some free time and decide to record your thoughts in your journal. Your journal entry should be written in the first person and should address all of the aspects of the Red Ball Express we discussed today.

Your journal entry will be graded on the following criteria:

CATEGORY	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
<i>Ideas</i>	Ideas were expressed in a clear and organized fashion. It was easy to figure out what the journal entry was about.	Ideas were expressed in a pretty clear manner, but the organization could have been better.	Ideas were somewhat organized, but were not very clear. It took more than one reading to figure out what the journal entry was about.	The journal entry seemed to be a collection of unrelated sentences. It was very difficult to figure out what the journal entry was about.
<i>Content Accuracy</i>	The journal entry contains at least five accurate facts about the topic.	The journal entry contains three or four accurate facts about the topic.	The journal entry contains one or two accurate facts about the topic.	The journal entry contains no accurate facts about the topic.
<i>Sentences and Paragraphs</i>	Sentences and paragraphs are complete, well-constructed and of varied structure.	All sentences are complete and well-constructed (no fragments, no run-ons). Paragraphs are clearly constructed.	Most sentences are complete and well-constructed. Paragraph structure needs some work.	Many sentence fragments or run-on sentences OR paragraph structure needs significant work.
<i>Grammar and spelling (conventions)</i>	Writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling.	Writer makes one or two errors in grammar and/or spelling.	Writer makes three or four errors in grammar and/or spelling.	Writer makes more than four errors in grammar and/or spelling.