

College Experience Seminar - Journal Assignments

The following questions are to guide you in writing your journal. Remember, that in **addition** to these assigned questions, **you must write a reflective entry of your own each week**. The blanks indicate questions that may be assigned in response to the way the class develops, and you should have room to jot the question down in the blank area.

Date	Question/Assignment
1	Write a 1-2 page autobiography
2	Why have you come to college? Why Marietta College? What do you hope to "get" while you are here?
3 August 30	
4	Describe the town you came from. What are its key values? What do its citizens take pride in? What common traits do people from your community have in common?
5	What is your favorite hobby? Why?
6 Sept. 6	
7	What is your favorite type of music? What does this say about you?
8	Describe a job-related situation where you learned an important lesson.
9 Sept. 13	What character do you identify with most closely in <i>The Sparrow</i> ? Why?
10	How do people of different cultures interact? Explore your thesis with examples from <i>The Sparrow</i> and from your own life.
11	Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10? 20? Describe what your work and home life will be like.
12 Sept. 20	Note: Have <i>The Sparrow</i> read by this point.
13	Interview one or both of your parents. Write a biography based on the interview.
14	What traits of your parents do you see reflected in yourself?
15 Sept. 27	Who is responsible for what happens to Emilio Sanchez? Note: Library Research Paper Due!
16	What subject are you doing best at? Worst? Why?
17	Talk with a friend who went to another college, and with a friend who didn't go to college. How have your experiences differed?
18 Oct. 4	What news event occurring this week had the greatest emotional impact on you?
19	What are your strengths and weaknesses as a person?
20	Describe how an experience your parents had has affected your outlook on life.
21 Oct. 11	What is the greatest problem facing your generation? How might it be solved? Note: - College Adaptation Paper Due!
22	Interview an aunt or uncle, or a person of your parents' generation who knew one of your parents when they were growing up. What insights do you gain into your parent's and your own life?
23	What constitutes academic dishonesty? Under what conditions might you cheat?
24 Oct. 18	Choose the class you got the lowest midterm grade in. Make an appointment and go in to talk with the instructor. List strategies you and the instructor agreed on to help you improve your performance.
25	How important is being popular? What would you sacrifice to be popular?
26	How are you adjusting to school so far?
27 Oct. 25	What was the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you?

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28	What is your favorite class? Why?
29	What is the most difficult problem faced by a character in the book you chose? How do they deal with it? How did their family or community prepare them to deal with it?
30	Nov. 1 What was the funniest thing that ever happened to you? Note: Paper Rewrite Due!
31	How do expectations of students differ at Marietta College as opposed to other schools your friends have gone to?
32	How does Marietta differ from your hometown?
33	Nov. 8
34	Talk about a person you consider to be a real hero, and another you consider to be a false hero. What is the distinction?
35	Describe heroic characteristics in your own personality and in other people you know.
36	Nov. 15 What is your favorite TV show? Why?
37	Which characters in Mary Doria Russell's book would you consider to be heroes? What about in the book you chose?
38	What are your priorities? How have they changed since the beginning of the semester?
39	Nov. 20 TUESDAY!!! Note: Service Learning Paper Due!
Thanksgiving Break	
40	Dec. 4 Note: Final Paper Due! (no class)
	Dec. 6 All- Freshman Celebration – 11 AM – Gathering Place