



Diary Writing Planning Template

- When you write a diary, it is very easy to focus only on the events. However, this can make your diary very dull and more like a list; it doesn't allow the reader to truly understand the diarist.
- What makes a piece of diary writing really effective is allowing the reader to understand your thoughts and feelings, whether you are writing as yourself or using empathy to write as someone else.
- You may be asked to write a diary in any of your subjects and the same applies to all of them. Make notes in the frame below to help you plan.

What has happened? What are you writing about? Describe its sights and sounds. You could also use figurative language to help describe. Avoid writing too much; focus on one or two things.

How are you feeling? Consider using a range of words to express this? Use emotive language to help the reader understand.

What have you been thinking about? Do you have any particular worries or highlights? Is there anything you are looking forward to or perhaps you are dreading something?

Is there a particular anecdote you could share in your diary? An anecdote is a short, interesting story. You might use this to illustrate a point.