W6A, Lesson 1, Journal 1-2, Draft 1

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**Do you enjoy writing?**

I started writing in the first grade. My Chinese teacher asked us to write diaries every day. Sometimes I wrote about what happened in school or at home. Sometimes I wrote a novel that I imagined.

Writing is the best way to express my feelings. I enjoy it so much that I even wanted to become a writer when I grow up.

In the fifth grade, I became the editor-in-chief of our class magazine. It was a lot of work, but fun.

Writing is an important way to record our childhood. I am sure we will enjoy reading it in 10 years.

*Note: What was your novel about? What were your responsibilities as editor-in-chief? Do you still want to become a writer when you grow up (you are not yet an adult).*

**I would like to change one thing about myself**

If there’s one thing I would like to change about myself, that’s time management.

For example, when I play TikTok, time flies by. When I feel I’ve only played for 5 minutes, actually 30 minutes has gone by. When I read novels, time seems to freeze.

Perhaps I should consider using alarms to help keep track of the time.

*Note: “When I play TikToc, time flies by.” That’s ironic! Also, this entry could be little bit longer.*

W6A, Lesson 3, Journal 3-4, Draft 1

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**Journal 3 Prompt: What unexpected thing happened to you recently? Why?**

My arm was broken last Friday. It was the last school day. I was ready for a fun summer break, after Covid-19 and final exams. I wanted to start the summer break with a basketball match. Then, boom, I fell hard and was injured. Now my right arm is wrapped in a hard plastic cast. I still hope to have a decent vacation after all.

**Journal 4 Prompt: What are three reasons why the global pandemic is good?**

Firstly, due to quarantine, we’ve spent more time with our families.

*(What have you done with you family during this time?)*

Secondly, we’ve had more time to do our hobbies.

*(What are some of your hobbies?)*

Thirdly, because of the quarantine, air quality has improved.

*(How has this affected your life?)*

W6A, Lesson 5, Journal 5-6, Draft 1

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**Read the given article and write the journals.**

**Journal 5 Prompt: Write a 200-300 word summary, using at least 3 direct quotes.**

The article is about a group of monkeys from Thailand that were trained to pick coconuts.

“The monkeys are snatched from the wild and trained to pick up to 1, 000 coconuts a day,” according to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

The group claims that Monkeys in Thailand are treated as “coconuts-picking machines,” and are used to supply two of the best-known coconut milk brands.

PETA reported that there are eight farms that train monkeys. They also appeal to stores in the UK to not buy coconuts from Thailand farms.

Finally, the group also discovered monkey schools that train monkeys to do sports and activities, (such as…).

*Note: Please write 100 more words with two more direct quotes.*

**Journal 6 Prompt: You opinion of the situation. Do you agree or disagree with the writer? What do you think?**

I agree with PETA that people should respect animal rights. We shouldn’t snatch animals from the wild and force them to work for us.

*Note: Please write at least three more sentences.*

W6A, Lesson 6, Journal 7-8, Draft 1

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**What character traits are most important to you? Why?**

I think the most important characteristic is kindness, people should be kind to themselves, to others, to the nature.

*Note: Please write four more sentences. Give an example to support your opinion.*

**Why do some people struggle to do the right thing?**

Because all people are selfish and they want their heads up, so they struggle to do the right thing.

*Note: What do you mean by “want their heads up”? Please write at least four more sentences and give an example to illustrate your point.*

W6A, Lesson 7, Journal 9-10, Draft 1

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**What does it mean to have integrity?**

My mom is the Chief Compliance Officer of GE in China. Her work is all about integrity. She told me that integrity means one shall be honest, not only to others, but also to himself. For example,

*Note: Please write at least a few more sentences. Give an example to show what it means to have integrity.*

**What is the hardest lesson you’ve ever had to learn? Why?**

Last week, mom and I walked to the man who pushed me to the ground during basketball game. At first, he denied that he did it. Then after mom threatened to sue him, he reluctantly apologized to me. The lesson I learned is that I need to be more cautious about who to play with. Apparently, this is a guy with no integrity.

*Note: Walked or talked? What do you mean by “walked”? Did you and your mom walk to the basketball court to find him? Did you walk to his home? Where did you walk to?*