On Course Success Journals

Your Success Journals provide an opportunity to explore your thoughts and feelings as you experiment with the success strategies presented in On Course. By carefully examining each strategy in your journal, you will discover which ones will assist you to create a rich, personally fulfilling life. Although I will be collecting and reading your journals, write your journal for yourself, not for me. At various times, you will have an opportunity to read a journal entry to one or more of your classmates. THEREFORE, PLEASE BRING YOUR TEXTBOOK AND JOURNAL TO EVERY CLASS.

It is not my intention to comment on every journal entry you write. Instead, I will verify the completion of each assignment and give credit for a job well done. My intention in reading your journals is not to judge you, but rather to get a sense of the issues you are working on so that I can be of greater assistance to you this semester. If you want my comments on a specific journal entry, please let me know.

Each journal entry is worth up to 100 points. A journal entry will be awarded the maximum 100 points if it fulfills the following two criteria:

1) The entry is complete (all steps in the directions have been responded to, with the directions in bold included in bold), and
2) The entry is written with high standards (an obvious attempt has been made to dive deep. As you write, and since the journal is written primarily for your own benefit, tell yourself the absolute truth. Honesty will lead to your most significant discoveries about yourself and your success. And give yourself the time and space to explore where your thoughts lead you since your most valuable thoughts will often take the longest to surface.

Grammar, spelling, and punctuation will NOT be heavily weighted in awarding points in these journals.

To format your journals, include your name, the date, English 846, and the Journal # in the upper right-hand corner. When they are returned to you, neatly organize them into a three-ring binder. This strategy will ensure that none of your entries get lost. At the end of this semester, you will have your entire journal to keep for years to come. Many students come to regard their personal journals as one of their most valued possessions.