

Rubric – Journal Writing Assignment: Commodore Perry and the Black Ship Scrolls
 Niskayuna High School, Niskayuna Central School District, Niskayuna, New York
 World Connections: An Interdisciplinary 10th grade class
 February 2005

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Block: _____
 Black Ship Scrolls Journal Writing Assignment Rubric

	Excellent 5	Satisfactory 4	Needs Improvement 3	Basic 2-0
Historical Context 25	Writing demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of content, time period, and historical significance of events.	Writing demonstrates a thorough understanding of content and time period.	Writing demonstrates a weak understanding of content and time period.	Writing attempts to demonstrate an understanding of content.
Tone/Point of View 15	Character's tone and point of view are convincing, realistic; always remain in character.	Character's tone and point of view are accurate and generally realistic.	Attempt to make character's tone and point of view accurate and realistic.	Little attention paid to tone and point of view.
Mechanics 10	1,000 – 1,250 words (4-5 pages, typed, double spaced) or hand written neatly. No spelling, grammar or syntax errors. Presentation of journal helps convince reader of its authenticity.	1,000 – 1,250 words (4-5 pages, typed, double spaced) or hand written neatly. Very few spelling, grammar and syntax errors.	Falls short of required length. Errors in spelling, grammar and/or syntax which limit understanding.	Falls short of required length. Unable to understand because of spelling, grammar and/or syntax errors.

