

Notes on Journals and Partner Journals

There are various kinds of journals. Sometimes “journals” refer to a selection of articles presented by an organization or field of study. The general definition of “journal” according to Dictionary.com is: “a daily [or recurring] record, of occurrences, experiences, or observations.” In college using a reading journal for notes is an easy way to record your thoughts and questions about an assigned reading. This site from Hamilton College is a great resource for understanding and using a [Reading Journal](#).



Students can work together with their Partner Journal and compare their notes, observations and add new ideas from a partner’s thinking. Initialing the additions you might choose from a partner’s journal, will make it easy to credit those ideas and still combine them with your own thinking. Vocabulary/definitions should be included on the Reading Journal template/document.



Journals should be done as a .docx/ [Reading Journal Template](#) and saved as a class file, to ONE drive, other cloud location **and** a USB drive. **When in doubt, print it out.**

