

Section-1 Journal Entries Sample (Hoyt)

Touching Spirit Bear

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Journal #1

I hate jail. I don't care what I have to do to get out of being here, but whatever it is, I'll do it. Even if I have to do this stupid circle justice crap, that's what I'll do. This guy Garvey told me about it. He comes by a lot to see me. I'm not sure why because I know no one cares about me. Not even my own parents. I think I've got Garvey fooled into thinking I really want to do it. Apparently all I need to do is tell the circle I'm sorry and that I want to change and then I can go to some island instead of jail. I'm an exceptional liar and can totally convince these people I want to be a better person. Blah blah blah blah... It's not my fault that Alex is so messed up. He should never have ratted me out. Nobody tells on Cole Mathews. Whatever, time to face the circle I guess.

Journal #2

I saw Alex at the circle meeting. He's messed up. He doesn't talk the same anymore and apparently he may never get better from what I did to him. I think he was scared of me. None of this is my fault. Alex's stupid lawyer was there. I don't think she believed my like all the other idiots. I'm pretty sure I have everyone else convinced that I'm ready to change and go to the island. I can totally survive on some dumb island; anything is better than jail.

My parents were at the circle meeting. My mom didn't say anything and my dad just lied his face off. He doesn't care about me. My dad is why I am the way I am. It's his fault.

Journal #3

My dad used to beat on me. I don't think that he ever wanted a kid, but then was stuck with me. What a jerk. Mom never stuck up for me or stepped in either. I don't think she knew how bad it was and she was probably scared too. They're divorced now and can't even look at each other. I can't look at them either. I don't think anyone would believe me if I told them about my dad. He has a lot of money and can pretty much do whatever he wants. That's where I learned to lie so well. When you grow up with a liar... I think Garvey might believe me though. He seems alright, I guess.

Oh, forgot to mention that I'm doing the circle justice thing. I leave tomorrow for some island in Alaska. I'll escape and be outta that place in no time. I'm a great swimmer, you just wait and see.

***You must have 5 entries. Each entry must be a half page. Remember to write as if you were the character; get in role! Write the journal entries to be as believable and accurate as possible. Remember to ask yourself: what would this character say? Which events are the ones that he/she would journal about? How would he/she write this and what kind of language would he/she use?**