

CQ Notebook Journal Entry Format

Every journal entry in your CQ notebook will follow the same format. This format applies whether the journal entry is assigned by the teacher, or whether the entry is generated by the student.

Each journal entry must have a heading that includes the following pieces of information:

- Journal Entry Number
- The Date of the Entry
- The title of the source being used.

An Example:

#1 12/17/01 *A Brief History of Time*

A CQ journal entry will always have two parts.

- The first part is the recording of data, or data entry.

This is done on the **first available left hand page** in your Data Collection Section of your notebook. The recording of data involves the reporting of facts, ideas, concepts and any other forms of information from your reading. IT WORKS WITH THE QUESTION: ***WHAT IS IT?***

This may be done with any number of traditional means of reporting like:

- Summary
- Outline
- Mind Map / Web
- Bulleted List
- Timeline

It is also possible to record data using some alternative means of reporting like:

- A newspaper report
- A graph or chart
- Transcript of an interview (real or fictional)
- “Snippets” – a series of related quotes from the text you read that have a point or lead in a direction.
- Paste-ins from other sources that have been read interactively by you – that means underlining / highlighting and marginal comments.

As time goes on, other more unusual or uncommon ways to report information may present themselves. Some of this might even be “crossover” activities (products and creative enterprises often used for your right hand page entries.) These might include things like:

- Poems
- Collages
- Songs
- Advertisements
- Illustrations

- The second part is the transformation of the data, or creation of a product.

This is done on the **right hand page** next to the left hand data entry you just recorded in your Data Collection Section of your notebook. The transformation of data involves the application of information demonstrating how you can accommodate the information into what you already know, or how you can adopt the new information as a replacement for old beliefs. **IT WORKS WITH THE QUESTIONS: *WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT, AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?***

This application can also involve the analysis of ideas, creation of new ideas, points of view, or concepts, and the critical evaluation of information recorded in your data entry left hand page, all of which may be expressed as various kinds products.

This may be done with any number of products like:

- Poem
- Song
- Invention
- Illustration / Sketch / Cartoon Strip / Political Cartoon
- Story
- Graphic interpretations: maps / charts / graphs – venn diagrams, etc.

It is also possible to Interpret data using some means like:

- Letter: business / personal / opinion-editorial
- Diary (real entry of fictional based on a character or persona)
- Stream of consciousness or “automatic” writing inspired by data
- “What would happen if?” Response
- Connections: text / self / author
- Lexicon: specialized word lists relating to the reading with definitions and usages. These words should be concept words that are important to understanding your topic.

As time goes on, other more unusual or uncommon ways to interpret information may present themselves. These might include things like:

- Discography (lists of songs that relate to the information and your reasons why)
- Filmography (lists of films that relate to the information and your reasons why)
- A character report card with grades and comments
- A connection to food – a banquet of foods representing key concepts or experiences
- A concept recipe: all the ingredients, measurements, and instructions to make a
- A mini-photo gallery of original photos by you to interpret the reading.

A Visual Representation of the CQ Notebook Format

Data Entry (Left Page)

Data Transformation (Right Page)

<p>Heading: Entry #; Date; Title of Text</p> <p>Record Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary• Outline• Web• Bullet List• Timeline• Newspaper Report• Snippets• Etc.	<p>Heading: Entry #</p> <p>Transform Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poem• Song• Invention• Illustration / Sketch / Cartoon Strip / Political Cartoon• Story• Graphic interpretations: maps / charts / graphs – venn diagrams, etc.• Etc.
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