## Journal Response Rubric

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| **Response** | • makes a personal response to story  
• writing does not relate to book  
• gives only a summary or retells story  
• work is sloppy; not much effort | • makes a personal response to story and uses a few details to explain  
• connects story to own experiences, other books  
• states theme or lesson  
• work shows some effort | • makes a personal response to story using many details to explain  
• connects story to own experiences, other books, using details to explain  
• explains theme or lesson; uses details from the story to support ideas  
• work is very neat; shows much effort |
| **Mechanics** | • many errors | • some errors | • few errors |
| (punctuation, capitalization, paragraphs) | | | |
| **Spelling** | • many errors | • some errors | • few errors |