

How to write a Critical Journal Entry/ Response

1. **Introduce the topic** you will be critiquing/ discussing (article, lecture, book etc.) **For**

example:

A. In the article/chapter/film _____ by _____ ...

B. During the lecture on (date)...

2a. **Make an argument** (pick a side). "I agreed with," or "I disagreed with..." **AND** state why.

OR

2b. **Explain your thoughts/feelings.** "I was in shock/(dis)agreement/ disbelief/ happy when I heard/saw/read..." **AND** state why.

3. **Make connections** to your previous knowledge of women of color. "I had always thought/learned/believed... about race/class/gender//identity/Native American/African American women etc."

5. **Be Specific.** Give details. As best you can, analyze and deconstruct (take apart) what is being argued, said, written, or produced about the topic.

6. **Analyze the experience** how has this article/lecture/class discussion changed your thinking or reaffirmed your beliefs?