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?