**ELA 20-1/2 Journal Topics Mme Banville**

These are some ideas to write about. You are *not* limited to these topics. Feel free to write about your own interests and passions. However your “free choice” topics must show that you are being reflective about your life or thinking about the world and reacting to current events or issues.

* **Use an interesting introductory sentence and paragraphs.**
* **Write 3 journal entries each month and hand in at the end of each month. (Total of 12)**
* **(No journal entries for June)**
* **Each journal entry should be 300 – 500 words.**
* **Neatly written or typed.**
* **Write your name, the date and 20-1 or 20-2 in the upper right corner.**

1. Are things always as they seem? Explain.

2. The Rick Mercer Rant. What’s bugging you?

3. One should never question those in a position of authority. What is your view?

4. Write about a time when you wanted something so badly that you would have done anything to get it. What was it and were you successful?

5. Are leaders born as leaders (genetic), or do they develop? Nature vs Nurture

6. What are your honest views about group work? What are some of the positives as well as the drawbacks?

7. What are the qualities of a good leader and what are the qualities of a bad leader? Use examples.

8. In difficult situations, people will usually choose what is right for the majority. Agree or disagree with evidence.

9. Good versus Evil. People are created either good or evil, or do they develop into good or evil?

10. Mothers are more nurturing than fathers. Agree or disagree. Explain.

11. Is Macbeth purely evil? Explain.

12. Write a journal from the perspective of Lady Macbeth.

13. If you saw a stranger in need, would you help? What would be the circumstances? Is there a time when you wouldn’t?

14. Is Lady Macbeth an evil being or are there other forces that drive her?

15. Do you see yourself as a competitive person? Would others see you as competitive? Explain with evidence.

16. What is your favourite quote in Macbeth? Who said it, to whom? Analyse and tell why it strikes a chord with you?

17. Children are kind and loving. Agree or disagree. Explain.

18. Rules are created to ensure that everyone is treated equally. Do you agree? Do they work?

19. Politicians, school board officials and educators speak a great deal about bullying. Do you think it has had a positive effect?

20. Create a list of unusual/beautiful/weird words and their meanings. Choose words most people wouldn’t know.

21. What are your aspirations after completing high school? What must you do to achieve your goal?

22. Global warming: Why do some people, against all scientific evidence, still believe it’s a hoax?

23. What are your views about hunting? Are there conditions on what you would be willing to hunt?

24. What is the greatest obstacle our school needs to address or overcome? Will this affect your decision to continue your education here?

25. Would you ever like to try one of the reality TV series, such as “Survivor”, “The Greatest Race” or “Wipeout”? Why or why not?

26. What are some of humankind’s best ideas? Which of our ideas would we be better off forgetting? How do you decide?

27. What have been the most important changes in the past ten years? Twenty years? Last year? What will the most important changes be in the next year? Next fifty years?

28. Who do you think has the most important things to say today? To whom are they speaking to? Why are these things important?

29. Who is saying the dumbest or most dangerous things today? To whom are they speaking to? What is dumb or dangerous about these things?

30. What are the five best movies you've seen? What is good about them? What are the five worst movies you've seen? What is bad about them?