

Week 1

Introduce Journals and their role in the trimester. Have students do an about me page on the first page. Then have them save about 3 pages to write quotes on each day. Give them quotes each day when they enter class.

About Me

Name

Age

Grade

Favorites

Dreams

Fears

On the next page have them design a "future" timeline. This should include plans for their future such as for this trimester, in 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, 5 years and 10 years. Give them thoughts to think about such as careers, graduation, college, starting families, their roles in society, etc.

Week 2

Continue quotes beginning of each class.

Type 1 Writing: Write about your 6 month dream. Is that dream big or small. What do you need to do to make that dream come true. Is this a dream you have shared with others.

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Week 3

<u>Pick your favorite quote so far.</u> Write it at the tip of the page and then write 10-15 lines about the quote. Why do you like this one? What does it make you think about?

Write about a time in your life when a dream that you had did not come true. This can be any event whether it is recent or from a long time ago. How did you feel when it did not come true? What did you learn from it not coming true?

Week 4

During the 1930s many families suffered as a result of the Great Depression. Write about how this connects to our society today. Do you know anyone who has suffered from the recent trouble with our economy? Has this had an impact on your life? How has that affected your dreams?

Week 5

Does the character in your choice book have any dreams? If so what are they? If not what would you write as a dream for them?

Write about your 1 year dream. Is that dream big or small. What do you need to do to make that dream come true? Is this a dream you have shared with others.

Week 6

Write about your 3 year dream. Is that dream big or small. What do you need to do to make that dream come true? Is this a dream you have shared with others.

Week 7

Write about your 5 year dream. Is that dream big or small. What do you need to do to make that dream come true? Is this a dream you have shared with others.

Week 8

Write about your 10 year dream. Is that dream big or small. What do you need to do to make that dream come true? Is this a dream you have shared with others.

Week 9

Write a metaphor and a simile about dreams, aspirations and goals. Save two pages in your journal and as a class we will share our dreams and metaphors and you will need to write down your classmates.

Week 10

This trimester you have written a lot in your journal. Look back at your journal and pull some ideas from it that will allow you to create a collage about dreams, aspirations, goals. Your collage will be the front and back cover of you book when you open it. Your cover needs to include a quote and a metaphor or simile. It also needs to have the word dreams on it. Other than that it should be a representation of yourself and your dreams. Be creative!

Week 11

Share our journals collages.