



(Topic Sentence) Today I reached new heights, I visited the amazing Space Needle in Seattle, Washington.

(Descriptive sentences-at least 3 are required, but I included more) First, we boarded the elevator and received a quick, but educational overview by our guide. The tour guide was as factual as an atlas. **(Simile)** Did you know the Space Needle was built in 1962 and is 605 ft. tall? Next, we wandered around the visitor center. It was great because you could learn all about Seattle, and use the cool technology they have added. Finally, we went out on the observation deck. What a view! The wind was howling. **(Personification)**
(Conclusion) I can't wait to go back to the Space Needle again. Next time I might eat dinner in the revolving restaurant.

Minimum for journal entries is 5 quality sentences.

- Topic sentence
- Three-five descriptive sentences of the event or place visited.
- Conclusion/wrap up sentence. Not just, "Bye, see you next time" It should wrap up the **specific event you just described.**
- Watch word choice and make sure words like "then" or "nice" are not used too often. Students should be using interesting, descriptive adjectives and adverbs throughout the journal.



Figurative Language

Alliteration

Repeating the same beginning sound in more than two words.

Seven snakes slithered silently.
 Crazy kangaroos kissed quietly.

Hyperbole

An obvious exaggeration.

The books were stacked to the sky.
 I have told you a million times.



Metaphor

A comparison between two unlike things *without* using "like", "as" or "than".

Laughter is music of the soul.
 His face was stone as she said she loved him.

Onomatopoeia

Words that sound like the object or actions they refer to.

The bells clanged and jingled.
 Whoosh... the wind blew in and slammed the door.



Personification

Giving non-human objects human qualities.

The sun smiled on the angry clouds.
 The t.v. talked all night.



Simile

A comparison of two unlike things using "like", "as" or "than".

The water was as smooth as glass.
 Tim and his brother fought like cats and dogs.