# Critical Response Journal entries 1 to 5

**Basic requirements for each journal entry:**

* Each entry needs to have a title.
* All paragraphs need to have clear topic sentences.
* The entries should be double spaced.
* The total for each journal entry should be approximately 200 words.
* In-text documentation is needed for any direct quote used.
* A works cited entry should be placed at the end of the response. Use the format for an online source for the entry on the works cited.
* Submit the journal entries (entries 1 to 5) as ONE file.  If you send five separate files, only the first one will be graded.

**Entry 1:**  Read the article “Advice for New Students Fromm Those Who Know (Older Students)” [https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/02/education/edlife/advice-for-new-students-from-those-who-know-old-students.html (Links to an external site.)](https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/02/education/edlife/advice-for-new-students-from-those-who-know-old-students.html)

Who is the author’s **target audience** and what in the work indicates this audience?  Give specific examples to support your answers.  What advice did you find to be helpful and why?

**Entry 2:  Read the article “The iGen Shift: Colleges Are Changing to Reach the Next Generation”** [**https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/02/education/learning/generationz-igen-students-colleges.html (Links to an external site.)**](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/02/education/learning/generationz-igen-students-colleges.html)

*"A generation that****rarely reads books****or emails, breathes through social media, feels isolated and stressed but is crazy driven and wants to solve the world’s problems (not just volunteer) is now on campus."*

Is the New York Times right that today’s college students don’t read books? Consider the author’s **purpose** and discuss whether you agree with this statement and the information presented in the article.  Use at least one direct quote from the article in your journal entry.

**Entry 3:**  Check out this website:  [https://www.isidewith.com/polls/social  (Links to an external site.)](https://www.isidewith.com/polls/social)

Discuss one controversial issue that you believe has the greatest impact on society today.  Include at least one source to support your ideas.

**Entry 4:** For this entry, you will need to select one of the following websites:

***Los Angeles Times***[http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/ (Links to an external site.)](http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/)

***Minneapolis Star Tribune*** [http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/ (Links to an external site.)](http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/" \t "_blank)

Write a short paragraph that provides a brief summary of an article from the website you selected.  Include the title of the article and the author in the summary.  Next, you will write a paragraph in which you examine and discuss the **author’s thesis or main point**.  Is it clear?  Does the article adequately develop this main point?  Explain.

**Entry 5:**  Read the article “Social Media is Changing How College Students Deal With Mental Health, For Better or Worse” [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/social-media-college-mental-health\_n\_55ae6649e4b08f57d5d28845 (Links to an external site.)](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/social-media-college-mental-health_n_55ae6649e4b08f57d5d28845)

Discuss the author’s use of **evidence** in the article.  Do you agree with the author?  Explain.