

## Understand: Student Journal

### Introduction

This guide explains how the Student Journal in myWorld History helps students connect, experience, and understand their world. It looks at the activities found in the Student Journal by exploring the use of the Essential Question Preview, Connect to myStory, Word Wise, Take Notes, and the Essential Question Writer’s Workshop. Finally, this guide explores the Online Student Journal on myworldhistory.com.

Examples in this guide are from the Survey Student Journal but can be applied to any version.

### Purpose

The Student Journal helps students reflect and write about their experiences in myWorld History. They use the Student Journal to document their travel through the program as they search for evidence to the Essential Questions. The Student Journal provides previewing exercises for each chapter using an Essential Question to introduce students to the chapter content. It also provides chapter support, graphic organizers, and a two-page Writer’s Workshop to help students demonstrate understanding.

### Essential Question Preview

The Essential Question Preview prepares students to connect to the Essential Question. It also helps students understand the content they study in the chapter by connecting their everyday life with the Essential Question.

### Connect to Your Life

Students begin the Essential Question Preview with Connect to Your Life. Connect to Your Life helps students find ways to relate the issues and principles of the Essential Questions in all aspects of their life—family, school, or community. In this example, students complete the table by thinking of ways in which technology affects their lives. Then, they name the technology and decide whether the effect is positive or negative. This activity helps students make a connection to their lives and allows them to build a mental map of the information they are studying in the program.

**Connect to Your Life**

① Think of ways in which technology affects your life. Name the technology and then decide whether the effect is positive or negative.

| Ways Technology Affects My Life |            |                       |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Technology                      | Its Effect | Positive or Negative? |
|                                 |            |                       |

② Look at the table. Compare the effects of technology on your life. Are they always positive? Explain.

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