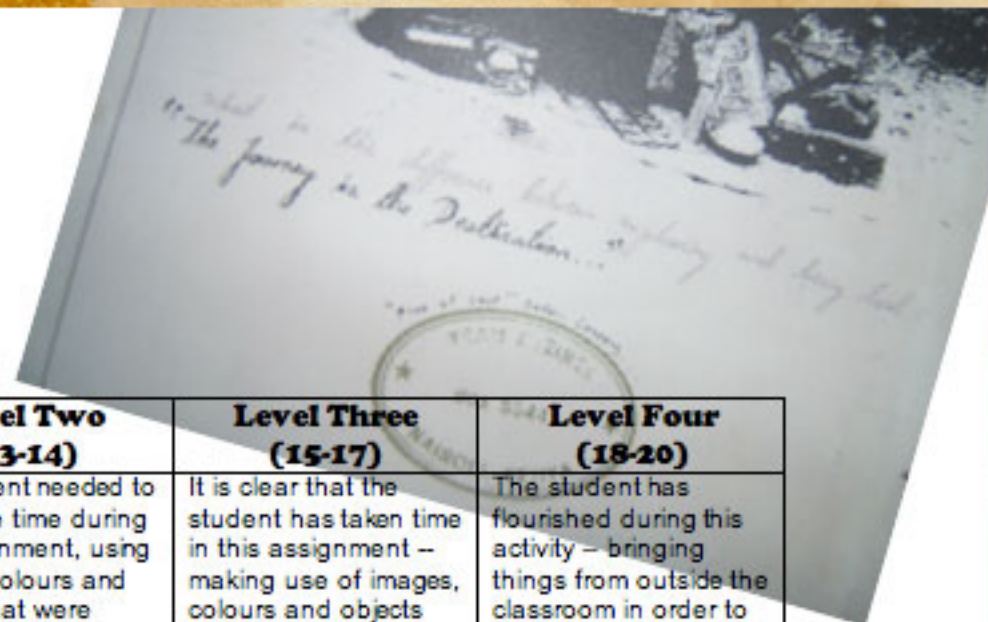


The Journey is the Destination

The Importance of Expression

Rubric/



Possible Marks: 20	Below Expectations	Level One (10-12)	Level Two (13-14)	Level Three (15-17)	Level Four (18-20)
Journal Page	Assignment was not completed.	The student needed to take more time during this assignment. Few significant images, colours and objects were employed. It would be worthwhile for the student to develop this assignment further.	The student needed to take more time during this assignment, using images, colours and objects that were significant to them. It would be worthwhile for the student to develop this assignment further.	It is clear that the student has taken time in this assignment – making use of images, colours and objects that are significant to them. The page reflects their journey so far.	The student has flourished during this activity – bringing things from outside the classroom in order to develop their journal page. The student has taken their time in this assignment; making use of images, colours and objects that are significant to them. The page reflects their journey so far.



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"The Journey is the Destination" activity was completed today. The students enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves, and some were surprised with what they ended up with.

Some students exchanged their journal pages with each other while others quietly examined what they had created. A few have taken their pages home to add more - unfortunately we can not give anymore class time to their endeavours.

Rebellion, drugs, anger, depression, sexuality and alcohol were common themes in many of the journals. Family and peers also made their way onto people's pages. I have taken digital photos of the student's pages, and am waiting for parental permission to send them on to you.

I received Charles Tsai's DVD "Dan Eldon: The Art of Life," and will be showing it to the students tomorrow. It was a shock for me to see Dan on TV -hearing him speak and seeing him move after knowing him for the last ten years as a series of pictures and words. I will also introduce the DVD into my Canadian Civics class (which focuses on "Active Citizenship") - and will bring it to the attention of my department. Canadian Civics is a required course and teachers are always looking for ways to make it engaging for our students.

I had had students come up to me and ask to see The Journey is the Destination, which tells me that the students are talking about Dan Eldon outside of the classroom.

This has been a very positive experience for the students at Waterdown District High School.

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