



## Reflection: Using Journals to Build Authentic Relationships

Think about how you can use journals in your classroom with your students.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Do I want to know more about students' family lives on the weekend?

Yes No

Do I want to know more about what students do after school?

Yes No

Do I want to know more about what students are looking forward to in school on any given day?

Yes No

Do I want to know more about what students enjoy doing in school?

Yes No

If you answered "No" to any of the previous questions, what steps will you take to develop a more genuine interest in getting to know your students?

- What other ideas do I have for using journals with my students?

Complete the following sentences in your own words:

**It is important for me to use journaling in my classroom because...**

**I am confident that I can use journaling in my classroom to build authentic relationships with my students because...**