

## **Summer School Journal Topics**

### **“First Impressions”**

Take some time to reflect when you made a good and/or bad first impression in a relationship? What lead to the impression and how did it effect the relationship later? Then, write about the first impression that you believe was made with your supervisor.

### **“Bad Co-Workers”**

Discuss a time when you had to work with someone that made your job harder. Give details. Then, write about the teamwork that will be involved in your new job and any potential conflict that you see.

### **“Dependable”**

Write your own definition of dependable. Explain how you must be dependable in different areas of your life.

### **“Personalities”**

Describe your personality. How does it impact the way you interact at work and/or at home?

### **“Balancing Life”**

Discuss a time when the world outside of school or work had a negative impact on you? What strategies did you use to try to ‘balance’ your life?

### **“Follow-Through”**

Talk about a time that you quit or gave up on a job, project, or goal. Why did you quit? Did it impact anyone else? How?

### **“Moral Compass”**

Write down some examples of doing the right thing.

### **“Willing to Learn”**

“I’ve seen how you can’t learn anything when you’re trying to look like the smartest person in the room.” — Barbara Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible* Explain this quote. How might it apply to your everyday interactions?

### **“Asking for Help”**

Describe someone that has an “I can do it myself,” attitude. When is it a good thing and when it bad.

### **“Ownership”**

Describe the favorite thing that you have ever owned. What made it so special?

### **“Quality Control”**

Read the quotes below and choose one to explain. Give example from your own life that apply to the quote.

“Coach said. “the quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence, regardless of his chosen field of endeavor.” — Sherman Alexie

“Quality begins on the inside... then works its way out.” — Bob Moawad

### **“Conflict”**

Describe on of the silliest conflicts that you have been involved in. What was the cause, reactions, and conclusion.

### **“Communication”**

Why is communication important? Describe the different ways that your supervisor and co-workers communicate with you.

### **“Work Relationships”**

Describe a time that you were betrayed by a friend.

### **“Customer Service”**

Describe a times when you have received good or bad customer service.