

### **Journal Topic Suggestions:**

1. What work do you do? (Being a mother and a housewife is work!) Describe this work. Do you like it? Not like it? Why?
2. Did you work before either in your country or in the U.S.? What work did you do? Describe the work. Did you like the work? Why?/Why not?
3. Why did you want to move to the U.S.?
4. Describe what you thought of the U.S. before you moved here. Describe what you think about the U.S. now. What were the biggest changes in your ideas about the U.S. after living here?
5. Who do you miss most in your country? Why?
6. What do you miss most in your country? Why?
7. If you could go home (to your country) to visit for a day, where would you go and what would you do?
8. If you won a million dollars what would you do with your money?
9. If you could travel anywhere in the world (don't worry about money or time. Today you have all the time and money that you need) where would you go? Why would you choose this place? How long would you stay? Who would you take with you?
10. What is good in your life now? What would you like to change?
11. Every day we are getting older. How do you see things differently now than you did when you were younger? (Choose a time period--5 years younger, 10 years younger, 15 years younger, 20 years younger.....)
12. Do you or anyone in your family have health problems? What are they? How does this affect your life?
13. How do you stay healthy? Do you help your family stay healthy? How? Where can you make improvements in your life to be more healthy?
14. Do you like shopping? Where do you go? What do you buy? Do you buy things or do you just window shop?
15. If you don't like shopping why not? What would you rather do instead of shopping?
16. What do you and your family usually do on Friday nights? Who is there? Is it fun? Is it the same on most Friday nights?

A4B. Use simple personal information questions as prompts to generate simple narrative

17. What do you do every day before school? Is it the same each day, or is it different? Is your morning routine easy or difficult?
18. What hopes or dreams do you have for your future? What are you doing to make those dreams come true? Do you think your dreams will happen?
19. What will you do when classes end this quarter? Will you travel? Will you spend more time with your family? Will you do anything during the break that you can't do when you are at school?
20. What is something you like to do every week? Why do you like this? Can you do this every week?
21. What is your favorite food? Why do you like it? Where do you eat it?
22. Do you have a pet? If so what is your pet's name? What do you do with your pet? Why is your pet special to you?
23. What do you do when you have free time?
24. Think about the book we are reading this quarter. Choose one of the characters and describe your opinion of him or her. Do you like him/her? Why/ why not? Would you like this person for a friend? Do you think he or she is a good person? Tell why you think this.
25. The book this quarter has a lot of girlfriends and boyfriends in it. What are the qualities that make a good girlfriend or boyfriend? Tell why you think this.