

Visual Response Journals

Information for students

A visual journal can be used to respond to events and moments that happen in your daily life. The goal is to be free and expressive using words, paint, drawings and collage.

- This journal can be used as a diary or just a place where you work on anything that inspires you. Start by collecting papers, receipts, photos, photos cut out from magazines, receipts, parking receipts, old movie stubs, stamps, grocery lists or just about anything that you might normally discard.

When you're ready, sit with a journal, notebook, sketchbook or recycled book. Set up glue, tape, markers, scissors, paint, and pencils nearby and have your collage materials ready.

Without overthinking, begin to create exciting pages, highlight words, colour, create drawings and fill pages with visual information by being as free as possible. Work on the journal whenever you like and create a theme to your journal if you prefer. The important thing to work on is filling the pages.

A great source of inspiration can be the journals of photojournalist, Dan Eldon. Please click on the link below to get a glimpse into Dan's journals, which chronicle his brief life as a photojournalist in Africa.

Be adventurous as you collage in your book, have fun and push yourself to fill every page!

Materials required

- Tape, glue, glue stick, scissors
- Sketchbook or reuse an old calendar, journal, or any book
- Art supplies of your choice: paint, ink, markers, coloured pencils, pencils, pens, etc.
- Collage materials: stickers, receipts, wrappers, photos, cards, magazines, miscellaneous found objects, etc.

Information for students and parents

- Link to explore information on Dan Eldon and his journals:

<https://youtu.be/L1rrmW8FLVE>

- This activity can be ongoing and become a response journal for other subjects.