

Writing Guide for Students

Assignment: There are 3 separate fact sheets and corresponding sets of slides. For each time period, write a journal entry of at least one side of a page using some specific information (from the fact sheet and set of pictures) describing the life of a teenager from the city of Kirovakan (Vanadzor) during that time.

General Directions: Include in your writing:

A date (when you are writing the journal entry).

What the situation is like in the country at that time.

What the situation is like in the city where you live.

Your feelings/experiences as a teenager living in that time.

Specific Directions:

- For your entry on Soviet Armenia in 1987:

1. Describe your feelings as an Armenian in the Soviet Union. What makes Armenians special? What are the good and bad parts about living as a citizen of the Soviet Union?
2. Describe your city and life within it.
3. What is your school like?
4. What do you expect to do after you graduate? (What are your plans for the future?)

- For your entry on Armenia in 1991

1. Describe your feelings about the conflict with Azerbaijan. What are the issues, and what do you think would be an appropriate solution?
2. Describe what happened to your city and your family/friends during the earthquake.
3. What is happening to the Soviet Union? How do you feel about it?

- For your entry on Armenia in 2009:

1. Twelve years have passed from the time of your first entry. What is life like in Vanadzor, Armenia today?
2. Your younger cousin, who has lived with you since the earthquake, is now a high school student. How is his education different from what yours was like? How is his *life* different?

You will be evaluated on:

Historical accuracy.

Inclusion of specific facts/events.

Expression of the impact of events on individuals.

Creativity and clarity of writing.