Student Engagement: Journals in Canvas Guide

Instructional Strategy Expectation:
Students engagement with content and instructor and effective use of available technology
(See QM Standard 5 & 6.4)

Create a Journal Group

1. Select the People link on the left navigation panel
2. Select the Group Set button

3. Name the group “Weekly Journal” or the name of your choice.
4. Select Group Structure
5. Select split students into ___ equal group. **NOTE**: Set the number to the number of students in the class. (This separates students into 1 person per group, which makes the journals private between the student and instructor. In the example the class size was 15 students)

Steps 3-5 illustrated

6. Add the last name of each student to their journal to make it easy to identify the student’s journal.
Create a Group Discussion

7. Select Discussions from the left navigation panel.
8. Select the Discussion button to create the discussion

9. Title the discussion Weekly Journals or any name you choose to use.
10. Select This is a Group Discussion and assign the discussion to the Weekly Journal group.

Instructors will see all of the student journals listed in the discussion so that you can view them in one location. Students will only see their journal and faculty feedback.
Instructors can quickly see which students have posted and the number of posts. The due date is also visible in the top right corner.

Instructors can select individual journals or by using the SpeedGrader option and the arrow selector to select the next student, instructors can easily scroll through to view, grade, or respond to students.

Select SpeedGrader by clicking on the down arrow next to the gear located at the top right corner.

Select the left or right arrows to view each student’s journal.