**Diary Writing by a Famous Character**

Students write a diary entry as if it were written by a famous historical person. Allows the teacher to find out who the students admire, or who they have been learning about in history, and get them to personalize them in a diary.

**How to Use:**

1. Schedule journal writing.

2. Explain to students that you will not be grading the journals based on the number of corrections.

3. Give students optional topics to journal about.

**When to Use:**

This technique is best used when working in a traditional classroom teaching language arts. English language learners that keep journals see great results and have the ability to look back months later to see their progress.