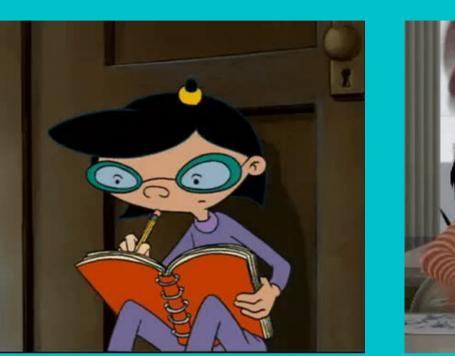


#### JOURNALING IS A GREAT WAY TO CHECK IN WITH YOURSELF AND PROCESS HOW YOU'RE DOING MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND PHYSICALLY.

WHY DO IT?





STUDIES SHOW THAT JOURNALING LOWERS ANXIETY AND STRESS, GENERATES CREATIVITY, IMPROVES SLEEP, AND HELPS YOU PROCESS THE WORLD AROUND YOU.

HEALTH BENEFITS

### HOW TO BEGIN THIS CAN BE THE HARDEST PART!

- 1. FIND A JOURNAL OR EMPTY NOTEBOOK TO WRITE IN. YOU CAN EVEN USE A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER.

2. GRAB YOUR FAVORITE PENCIL OR PEN.

3. FIND A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO SIT OR -LAY DOWN WHILE YOU WRITE.

# MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU



JOURNALING <u>SHOULD NOT</u> BE A SOURCE OF STRESS. FIND A RHYTHM THAT WORKS FOR YOU! WRITE WHEN YOU FEEL MOVED TO OR MAKE IT A CONSISTENT PRACTICE BY WRITING AT THE SAME TIME EVERY DAY. PAY ATTENTION TO THE TIME OF DAY WHEN YOU'RE THE MOST CLEAR-HEADED OR CREATIVE. WRITE FOR AS LONG AS IT FEELS GOOD TO YOU.

#### PLAY WITH FORMAT EXPRESS YOURSELF HOWEVER YOU SEE FIT!

-WRITE A PARAGRAPH -WRITE I SENTENCE -MAKE LISTS -USE BULLET POINTS -SKETCH -WRITE POETRY -ETC.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A MISTAKE WHEN YOU'RE JOURNALING. YOU DON'T NEED PERFECT GRAMMAR OR SPELLING.

## SAMPLE PROMPTS: QUESTIONS

1. WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING RIGHT NOW AND HOW IS IT IMPACTING YOUR MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT?

2. WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR IN THIS MOMENT?

3. WHAT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT YOU'RE PROUD OF?

4. WHAT DOES SELF CARE LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

# SAMPLE PROMPTS: LISTS

1. NAME 5-10 PEOPLE, PLACES, OR THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY.

2. WRITE DOWN 5-10 PEOPLE, PLACES, OR THINGS THAT HELP YOU FEEL CALM AND GROUNDED.

3. MAKE A LIST OF SONGS OR LYRICS THAT INSPIRE YOU OR PUMP YOU UP.