

**Writer's name:**

## Planning a Historical Witness's Journal

Inspired by Pam Conrad's book Pedro's Journal

Student Instructions: Before drafting your journal entry, brainstorm facts about the historical event you have chosen and sensory details that you imagine those events caused.

**My Historical Event:**

Write down (at least) five interesting facts you have learned about your historical event:

Write down sensory details (sights, sounds, smells, tastes, textures, and emotions) next to each fact. Ask, "If I was really there, what would I have experienced?"

Use as many of the facts listed above in your journal's rough draft. Combine the facts with some of your best sensory details. As you journal about the smaller events that make up your big event, plan to use paragraphs!