

## Silo City: Assignment #2

Pick ONE of the following:

#1

Write a 7-10 sentence paragraph imagining yourself as a grain worker during Buffalo's past. You can be a worker on a lake freighter, a scooper, or a dockworker. The paragraph can be written as a diary entry or a letter to someone.

Here are some tips for writing a diary entry.



## DIARY ENTRY

### POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Creativity, imagination and expression in diary writing are tested.
- You should write as if you have really been a part of the situation.
- It is written in the first person.
- One does not write about things experienced on a daily basis. Only matters of some significance are recorded.
- It is a secret record of one's life, so one can be very honest about one's feelings and emotions.

This is an example of a WW1 diary entry.

## FROM JOHN FRENCH'S DIARY...

### DECEMBER 31, 1915

Left Chatham Friday morning 7.30 sailed same night 7.00pm. Arrived at Rouen Saturday at 1pm. Had several miles to march with full kit - feeling pretty rough - effects of sea-sickness - had a bad dose - got through the march.

### JANUARY 3, 1916

Girl came round selling the Daily Mail.

### JANUARY 18

Had to dip water out of pond to wash this morning, water nice & green. Been to trenches today on 1am shift, ducked when I heard first shot. Germans 75yds away. Dead tired & covered with mud.

### FEBRUARY 14

My birthday today, twenty-four, coming on a bit. You never know where you'll be from one year to another.

### MARCH 15

Up in the trenches again today. Our party got lost and we were wandering around the trenches for two hours, sometimes up to our knees in icy cold water and with both sides shelling like fury, one shell pitched close enough to us to spatter us with mud. There is a pretty smart German sniper and he has killed a number of our men.

### MARCH 19

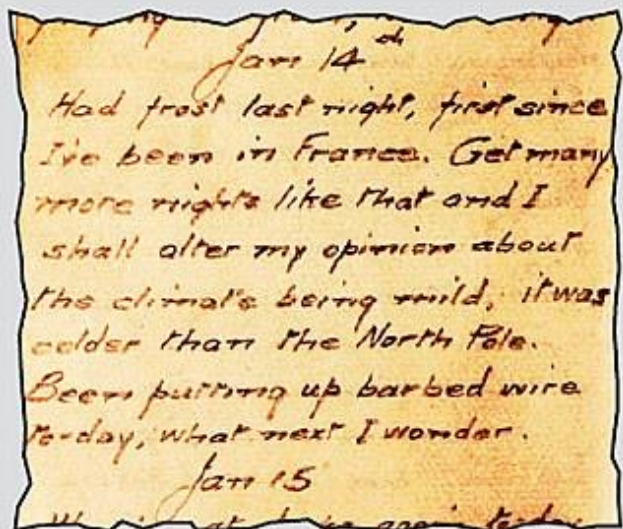
Been working today in a trench only thirty yards away from the Germans with a low parapet and the hot sniper on the other side. He got another victim this morning. He kept hitting the sand bags in one place trying to work through.

### MARCH 21

The hot sniper got two victims again today, two brothers they say.

### MARCH 29

I think that crack sniper must be killed for there has been no sniping at that corner for days.



Copperplate: His handwriting

### APRIL 16

Sorry to say one of our chaps got killed this morning by a sniper. He was just on the point of being relieved when he forgot himself and put his head above the parapet, got a bullet clean through his head.

### APRIL 27

Went to the doctor to see about a cut on the ankle that I got a couple of weeks ago, He said it was septic poisoning and sent me to hospital.

### JUNE 1

A German bullet came in last night through the doorway of our billet and embedded itself in a sandbag just over a chap's head. Found a lot of water-cress growing in a stream today - had some for tea. It went all right with the bread & cheese.

### JUNE 21

We had a mouse in a cage with us in the gallery so that we would be warned in time if the gas got very bad, We got enough gas to make us sick and the mouse was still alive and kicking.

# Or

#2

Pick one of the historical photos found in the Power Point presentation. Find the contemporary to it, post it, and write 3-4 sentences comparing the two, why you chose it, and which one you prefer.

Here is an example. This first image was not used in the Power Point. I am asking you to use an image of Silo City and NOT other areas of Buffalo.



This is an image from Buffalo's waterfront. It was originally called the Central Wharf and now we refer to it as Canalside.





I chose this location because the history of Buffalo is fascinating. There is a Buffalo, NY because of its location near the water.

The first photo shows a point in Buffalo's history when the harbor was a hub of activity, with boats moving in and out of the lake and river. The Erie Canal terminus was located at this point too.

The second photo shows Buffalo's waterfront reinvented for contemporary use, with recognition given to our past.

While I love the first photo because it is a record of our past, I prefer the second because it shows the recreational use of our waterfront, rather than our industrial history.