

Nick English's 9th Grade Journal (Fall 2013)

Dad's Intro Comments:

We were so thankful that he had this assignment at school to journal every day by responding to a simple question or topic. It was a great avenue for us to be able to learn and share some of his thoughts and feelings on various topics. We have captured most of his entries for you to get to know him a little better and we kept them true to what he wrote.

I posted these on Facebook over the span of a few months from February 2014 to April 2014, so I have included any opening comments that I may have posted along with his journal entries.

Posted on 2/9/14:

So, I've been taking a break from posting pictures of Nick for the last few weeks, but came up with an idea that I'm going to try for the next few weeks. Nick kept a journal as an assignment for one of his classes where he was given a topic or question to write about each day (all of his 9th grade class will recognize what I'm talking about here). He wasn't a prolific writer, but his responses show what an awesome and funny guy he was. I'm going to share a selection of those over the coming days/weeks to help each of you get to know Nick a little better. We'll start with three for today.

Nick Journal - 8/27/13 - What did you have for breakfast?

"Well today I had cereal for breakfast. Some Frosted MiniWheats. They are my favorite cereal brand besides Lucky Charms."

Nick Journal - 8/28/13 - Candles or electric light?

"Electric beyond a shadow of a doubt. I dislike candles for some reason. I don't know why but I do. Plus I like the reliability of electricity."

Nick Journal - 9/5/13 - Do you like fiction or non-fiction better?

"I'd say it depends on the topic of the book and how well written it is. I really like fiction because you can make whatever you want happen. But non-fiction is really cool cause I like history and real life stuff."

Posted on 2/12/14:

More posts from Nick's journal.... Some of the assigned topics reveal that it was close to Santa-Cali-Gon days festival in Independence.

Nick Journal - 8/29/13 - Popcorn or Kettlecorn?

"Kettlecorn definitely. I don't like popcorn for some reason. But I really like the taste and flavor of kettlecorn."

Nick Journal - 8/30/13 - Carnivals or Craft Tents?

"Carnivals. I hate crafts so much. I only like carnivals so/so though."

Nick Journal - 9/3/13 - 3 days, whoo!

"I like short weeks during the school year. They make school go by faster for me. I like that."

Nick Journal - 9/4/13 - My family...

"My family... hmm, idk what to say about them. We are a good family, get together great. Me and my sisters actually get along fine."

Posted on 2/14/14:

Nick journal posts for today...

Nick Journal - 9/6/13 - One goal that I have for this year...

"I wanna get smarter and have better grades. Mostly cause college starts soon. Plus my grades officially count now."

Nick Journal - 9/10/13 - Rodents or fish...

"Definitely fish. For one it tastes great. For two I hate rats and rodents and all of those disgusting things."

Nick Journal - 9/11/13 - September 11th...

"A very memorable time in history. It doesn't have any super personable meaning to me. Mostly cause I was very young and nobody I knew was involved in it."

Nick Journal - 9/12/13 - Dogs or cats?

"I would typically not prefer either. But I'll go with dogs. Cats are fat and lazy and dogs are awesome."

Posted on 3/10/14:

I've taken a break for a couple of weeks, but here are some more of Nick's journal entries from last fall to show you more of what he was like. What an awesome young man he was...

Nick Journal - 9/13/13 - Mountains

"I love mountains! They look so beautiful and awesome. I love climbing them too." (Note - he got to go to Colorado to Mountain Camp last summer and had a fantastic experience there)

Nick Journal - 9/16/13 - Mystery or comedy?

"Comedy. I only sometimes like mystery. But comedy is better."

Nick Journal - 9/17/13 - Favorite cartoon movie?

"Transformers the Movie. Made in 1986 or 7 I believe. I own a copy of it at home and it's the best! I even have the case for it."

Nick Journal - 9/18/13 - Favorite superhero?

"Either Superman or Thor. They're both awesome and Thor is practically a god on his planet. But if I had to choose, I'd say Thor."

Nick Journal - 9/19/13 - If I were a superhero my powers would be...

"I would have the power to imagine anything I wanted and it became reality. Then I would be capable of creating any other power plus more. It would be awesome."

Posted on 3/19/14:

Some more Nick journal entries from fall 2013. Dad/editor comments - sad to see his assessment of his own skills on his 9/20 entry. He was such a talented guy and just didn't see all of it. :(Anyone that knew him won't be surprised at all by his comments on Mexican food from 9/26. :-)

Nick Journal - 9/20/13 - My best skill

"I really don't know. I'm pretty good at b-ball. Not really anything else so yeah, I'll go with B-ball."

Nick Journal - 9/24/13 - When people see me

"I don't know really. Tall probably. Someone who plays basketball too."

Nick Journal - 9/25/13 - Chocolate or vanilla?

"I gotta say chocolate. I like chocolate, but only milk chocolate. Dark chocolate is disgusting."

Nick Journal - 9/26/13 - Italian or Mexican?

"Mexican. By far. I love Mexican food sooo much its like my obsession."

Posted on 4/8/14 :

Haven't posted any of these recently, so here are some more of Nick's journal entries from fall 2013. I have to agree that the Chickichanga from First Watch is pretty yummy. Wish we had a chance to go eat there together again...

Nick Journal - 9/29/13 - Japanese or Chinese?

"Well since I don't really know the difference between them... I don't have an opinion. But if I had to choose I'd choose Chinese. I like their chicken and stuff like that."

Nick Journal - 9/30/13 - My favorite shirt

"I'm gonna say one of my dress shirts. It's black and white plaid. I really like it."

Nick Journal - 10/1/13 - My favorite lunch

"I don't really know. But I'm gonna go with the chickychanga from First Watch. It is Delicious!"

Nick Journal - 10/2/13 - Hats

"I like hats quite a lot. I like snapbacks, and others. I also have lots of them."

Posted on 4/14:

More entries from Nick's school journal from last fall

Nick Journal - 10/3/13 - My favorite flavor of gum

"I really like those dessert flavored ones. They're like orange sherbet and mint chocolate chip and stuff. They taste awesome!"

Nick Journal - 10/4/13 - School spirit

"Our school has school spirit! I do too. Not a whole lot at certain times but at others I'm very energetic about it."

Nick Journal - 10/7/13 - Parades

"I don't really care for parades. I've only been to a few in my life though. They're too "fair-like" for me."

Posted on 4/14:

Unfortunately, this will be the last entries from Nick's school journal last fall. :(

Nick Journal - 10/8/13 - Board games

"I like Monopoly. I also like chess. But I don't really like any others though. I'm not that good at chess unfortunately."

Nick Journal - 10/9/13 - My favorite style of potatoes

"I love mashed potatoes. I also like french fries too. I don't really like any other kinds."

Nick Journal - 10/10/13 - The best song to hear when I'm sad

"I listen to sad songs when I'm sad. Just any kind of sad music (except for country). But I prefer Disappoint by Assemblage 23."

Nick Journal - 10/14/13 - Confidence

"I have confidence in some things. I don't really have confidence in myself though. I don't have much confidence in most things though."

Nick Journal - 10/15/13 - Waffles or pancakes?

"I actually love them both. But I would prefer waffles. They are so fluffy and flavorful and delicious."

Nick Journal - 10/16/13 - Beards or no beards?

"I like beards. But I would have to say no because girls typically don't like beards, from what I've heard. But I like the look of them."

Nick Journal - 10/21/13 - Leaves

"Leaves are pretty. But I don't really care for them any other ways. Especially rolling in them and stuff, disgusting."