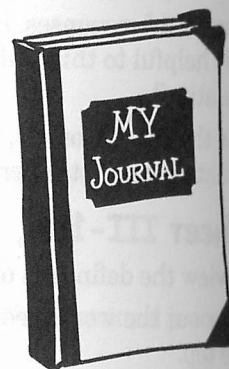


Journal Ideas: Initiative

1. How good are you at taking initiative—seeing what needs to be done and then doing it?
Rate yourself 0–5.
 - 0 = I never take initiative to do things.
 - 1 = I very seldom take initiative to do things.
 - 2 = I take initiative once in awhile to do things.
 - 3 = I sometimes take initiative to do things.
 - 4 = I usually take initiative to do things.
 - 5 = I always take initiative to do things.
2. What would you do if you saw an expensive camera left on the playground? How far would you go to try to find the owner?
3. Pretend you are planning a surprise birthday party for your mother or father. What things would you need to think about and organize to do it?
4. Your mother informs you that you are having company—your very old, very rich, very picky great-aunt—who is coming to visit for a month and she'll be staying in YOUR room. And guess what ! She'll be at your house in about 10 minutes. What are you going to do?
5. Make a list of 5 things that would make your school or classroom a better place. Now: What could you do about making them happen?
6. The dog's water bowl is empty and Fluffy is scratching at it, picking it up in her teeth and looking up at you. You have a lot of homework to do and it's not your job to take care of the dog. What will you do? Why?
7. The weather report is calling for a big storm to come, and you and your brother or sister left your bikes outside. The sky is sunny and it doesn't look like anything is going to happen. Would you go out to get them in the rain? Would your brother or sister?
8. Place an empty crushed soda can next to a trash container and position yourself where you can watch people pass by. Count how many of the first 10 people who pass by actually stop to throw it into the trash. Summarize your findings.
9. What jobs or careers would require someone with a lot of initiative to get things done? Why?
10. Who is someone you know who is a real "go-getter"? What does this person do that makes you think of him or her in this way?



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