

These samples demonstrate different ways to use double-entry journals. The first double-entry journal assignment asked students to respond to passages from Christine Rosen's article "Bad Connections." The second asked students to paraphrase assertions made in an article by Roland Fryer in the left-hand column and to give their opinion in the right-hand column. Both samples were submitted by students in Professor Lynne Greenfield's second-semester Freshman Composition course.

Quotation from the text	Response
<p>"A growing demand and 'need' for technology/ instant gratification will soon make certain forms of entertainment and enlightenment intolerable and of no use."</p>	<p>This is so true. Why read a book when you can download the main points from off the internet. If we turn every function we once had to perform ourselves into a machine based thing we'll soon lose interest and understanding for certain things.</p>
<p>"Like a security blanket, the cell phone and other wireless devices serve as a form of connection when we are alone."</p>	<p>I totally agree. My first instinct when I am alone or standing in line is to turn on my phone and begin a conversation</p>

"They say..." (paraphrase)	"I say..." (your position)
<p>Roland Fryer suggests in his study published in <i>Education Next</i> that in an integrated school minorities face more problems with achieving.</p>	<p>I don't agree with his ideas because I went to an integrated school and everyone hung out with each other. There were more minorities in honors classes than whites. The A students hung out with the F students. There was also a lot of encouragement amongst everyone to succeed.</p>