Journal Topics

* Write about a happy memory from the first day of camp
* What does compromise mean? Can you give an example from your life?
* What was your (mother/father) like when they were young?
* If money and location were no objects, what would you do with your future?
* What superpower would you like to have?
* Write about the greatest compliment you ever gave and the greatest compliment you would like to receive?
* Write about a mistake you made and what you learned from the experience?
* What does it mean to be original?
* What is your greatest talent? What is your greatest weakness?
* What does it mean to trust someone? Who is someone you trust and why?
* Are you a risk taker? Tell me about a risk you took in the past.
* My greatest success to date is…
* What does this phrase mean “ A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle?” (passing on knowledge is important)
* What is the most important invention in the last 100 years?
* How would the world be different if there were no borders?
* Write about a new friend you have made at camp. Where are they from? Why are they special?
* What are you looking forward to at YSEL Camp?
* What are your learning goals for your time here?
* Write about something NEW you learned in one of your classes at camp.
* If you could ask God any 3 questions what would they be and why?
* What is one NON PROFESSIONAL goal that you have for the future?
* What is something that you have learned from another YSEL camper?

Debate Topics

* Music is more valuable in society than visual art.
* Innovation is better than tradition.
* Trust must be earned, never given freely.
* It is better to be rich than intelligent.
* I would rather be ignorant and happy than wise and miserable
* It is more important for you to love your job than for you to fill a job that society needs.
* Technology will save the environment.
* Foreign aid hurts the country that receives it.
* Injera is not the best food.
* Better roads increase traffic accidents.
* Traveling is not educational.
* Life exists on other planets.
* Gender equality is important for a civil society.
* It is important for everyone in a society to pay taxes.
* It is possible to predict the future.
* Video games are important tools for learning.
* The internet is more detrimental than beneficial.
* Cell phone etiquette is important.