

## Alexandra's journal

1 Week One

2 A Journey to the Unknown: Chasing Destiny

3 I would name the story "A Journey to the Unknown because life is an  
4 unknown journey that nobody can predict. Nobody knows what surprises,  
5 challenges, changes and/or news life will bring around the corner. "Chasing  
6 Destiny" is also in the title because in the "Big Picture" we are all searching for  
7 something better in life and we're all trying to find out where in society and life  
8 we belong. Personally I believe that everyone has a destiny in the world, has  
9 a set destiny which God wants us to fulfil in the world. Although at times it's  
10 hard to see the reason why we are here, although it's obvious that we are all  
11 chasing after the same thing: Destiny.

12 In my book I think I would divide my life into 6 chapters.

13 Chapter One: - Sweet Beginnings

14 – would be called this because these were the first years when I've started  
15 living and taking all and any information around me.

16 Chapter Two: - Innocence

17 This chapter would be based on when I was 4 to 6 years old. These years  
18 were the learning years when I was important life lessons that have helped  
19 shape decisions and even personal morals and values that I will use for years  
20 to come.

21 Chapter Three: - On the Move and New Demons

22 I would call it because when I was 6-9 years old, my family would constantly  
23 move every 1-2 years to a new house. Moving away from my friends and  
24 having to make new friends in a new environment began affecting me  
25 emotionally. Also in the title "New Demons" because that year my step-  
26 brother became violent and an alcoholic. After uncountable years of sleepless  
27 nights I lost my childhood spirit and view. My childhood was cut short and  
28 adult more mature problems then became mine. Since viewing my mother in  
29 trouble and scenes no child should see I've developed more faster mentally in  
30 the area of behaviour and thinking "beyond the box" when friends, even  
31 family, ask for help and support.

32 Chapter Four (10-12 years old): - The Golden Days

33 I've decided to name this chapter because I have good memories about  
34 friends and family. also the title also describes my primary school days when  
35 the number of classmates were small so we were all friends. Those years  
36 have only good memories.

37 Chapter Five: - The Old Days

38 This chapter is based on when I was 13-14 years old. Starting out in high  
39 school when I was a Year 8 and was meeting new people in a different  
40 environment that I didn't know. I decided to call this chapter "The Old Days"  
41 because throughout Yr 10 & 9 we've made our friends and have been through  
42 hardships and good times.

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44 Week Two

45 I haven't really had such an experience where I've been convinced that God  
46 either does or doesn't exist. Although there have been moments where I've  
47 believed briefly that God left us alone. The situation that changed my faith  
48 were when my brother died. His family were already facing problems, and he  
49 was finally straightening his life. I was recovering over a minor operation.  
50 Then only a little less than a month later my mother had a heart problem.

51 After that year I believed God had abandoned my family. I thought that God  
52 wouldn't have all these events in less than three months to my family.

53 Due to these events, I believe that God lets us have our own thoughts about  
54 life, and I believe that these events happen to teach us lessons in life such as  
55 to spend time with the people you care about. Life is too short to hold  
56 grudges, etc.  
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## 58 Week Three

59 A religion lesson which changed my view of my faith was when we had a  
60 guest speaker who was blind. My faith changed because he made me realize  
61 that life will always bring hard times and problems but you need to learn from  
62 those problems and see how you can get through the problem stronger. The  
63 speaker taught me to always try to see the brighter side of the problem,  
64 because you could be worse off and all problems can be seen as a lesson  
65 that makes and shapes the person you are at the end.

66 Whenever there's a problem, I try to see how I can behave and act to get  
67 through the problem stronger and help others to become strong when faced  
68 with difficult problems.