Fact Sheet 1: Journal Prompts

Keeping a journal will help you make better decisions by providing you with a written record of your team meetings, research notes, and decisions you have made.

Please use this is a list of suggested writing prompts if you need help getting started. Be specific in your writing so everything is clear when you refer back to your entries. Also, be sure to cite the sources that helped informed your opinion so you can refer back to them when needed.

- 1. Write about the impact of a recent news event on a company that your team has invested in or that your team wishes to invest in.
- 2. Think about a company, mutual fund, or bond your team has recently purchased. Did you agree with your team's decision? Why Why not?
- 3. Select one of the investments your team has made. Has it gone up or down in price since its purchase? What do you think caused the change?
- 4. Provide a review of your favorite research website. Why do you prefer it to other sites? What is your favorite feature? And why? Contrast and compare it to another site.
- 5. Research the biggest competitor of one of the companies your team is invested in. How are they performing? Why did you choose your current company over them to invest in?
- 6. Is your team's portfolio diversified? Could it be more diversified? Describe how your team has attempted to create a diversified portfolio.
- 7. How would you rebalance your portfolio to boost performance? Why?
- 8. Review your current investments. How do you think they'll perform five years from now? Why?
- 9. What advice would you give someone new to The Stock Market Game program? Why is it important to listen to your advice?
- 10. What is the most important thing you have learned from The Stock Market Game?

