



## TAKE YOUR JOURNAL OUTSIDE / EXAMPLES

Today it is raining and a bit chilly. On my way to school, I can hear the cars splashing water on the road. I'm not outside right now because I have school. The sky is cloudy and dark. In the morning, I can't smell anything but raining water and dirt. I wish I could taste something, since I didn't have any breakfast. I wish I could stay home because this weather makes me not want to go anywhere. I don't like to go anywhere anyway.

I finally get out of the tormenting place as we call School and hear the obnoxious sound of kids playing, chattering in between families, and kids screaming. As I walk to my transportation/car, I feel and hear the squishy sounds of mud under my feet while the cold weather slash through my skin trying to make me collapse to my feet, but I do not let the cold proceed. I overdo the cold and think of it as a friend. As I get to the car, I hear many other cars coming and going as I put my backpack in the cab. When I finally get home I taste the superb explosion of taste my mom made and put in the meat.

As soon as you walk in, the smell of chlorine hits you. To your left is the balcony where people watch us play and practice. To your right is a desk with a chair. It's bright in here, the lights aren't on yet because the sun is bright outside and its coming in from the squared windows on the roof. The desk is pushed against a big window with wires through it. As you look in the window there is a small office where the lifeguards are. The pool is clean and it's a very bright blue. The pool deck is a light brown. There are two long stairs which are on opposite sides that lead to the boys locker room and the other leads to the girls locker room. Next to the girls locker room stairs are 2 cages, one has water polo balls, the other has swimming equipment. There's also a cabin that has fins and kick boards used for swimming. Across the pool are diving boards, one on each lane. There are six in total. They are in a pattern, one blue, one red, and so on. Behind the boards is a water polo net.