

Annotate examples of the features listed below in this extract of a diary.

Date

First person (e.g. I, me, my, we, us, our)

Past tense

Introduction to set the scene

Chronological order

Personal emotions and feelings

Words related to time

March 15 AD

Dear Diary,

Today I awoke early as I had so many butterflies in my stomach it was impossible to sleep. I was so excited as today was the day that I would finally swear my oath of allegiance and join the Roman Army! Can you believe that I Servius Felix, the son of a poor farmer, was about to become the first in our family to become a Legionary?

By the time it was my turn to swear my oath of allegiance, I was so nervous that my hands had become clammy. In all honesty (because of my nerves) I cannot remember much about the event.

After this I was given my viaticum, I held the three shining gold coins in my palm and decided that I was going to save these for my future. That's when my thoughts turned to my retirement what would I choose: the 3 acres of land or the 3000 Roman denarii?

Later I was shown where I would be sleeping. In the tent were eight narrow beds, that didn't look particularly comfortable. I was told that my bed was the one on the far left.

I have just been told that my legion and three others will undertake a great march of 30,000 roman paces at dawn tomorrow. This is not what I imagined being a legionary would be like, I thought I would have people bowing before me and we would be fighting great battles against the enemy. Instead, I have had to cook my own dinner, sleep in a hard bed beside another soldier (who snores so loud that the tent poles shake!) and tomorrow I will march in full armour to Londinium. I have only been here for 8 hours and I already miss home and my family.

*Servius Felix*