

31 Fun Writing Prompts for Students

Choose any TWO of the following prompts. Write a paragraph (6+ sentences), short newspaper article (6+ sentences, in column format), or a poem (6+ lines) response. Poems don't have to rhyme, and you can choose to write a poem-response for any prompt (not just the ones that mention poems). You can also write a paragraph or article in response to a prompt that asks for a poem.

Be sure to use lots of descriptive language if that's the type of prompt you choose, or support your idea with evidence/explanation/proof (who/what/when/where/how/why, as relevant to your topic).

You will be asked to share ONE of these pieces of writing with others in the class; the other will only be looked-at by me (Ms. Hlina).

1. Create your own holiday. What would you celebrate? How could you get others to join in? (Alternately, as a journalist, write about an [imaginary] new holiday that's just been celebrated.)
2. Would you rather hang out by yourself after school or with friends?
3. If you could end any one problem in the world, what would it be? Why?
4. What does it feel like to be wrong?
5. Write about three values that are important to your family.
6. Could you ever be a vegetarian? Why or why not?
7. If someone wrote a book about you, what would it be about?
8. What does it mean to be a feminist?
9. Write a poem about your favorite activity or hobby.
10. Write about the best vacation you ever took.
11. Write about a time when someone helped you. How did you feel afterward?
12. Do you prefer to read books that are parts of series or standalone books? Why?
13. Would you rather jump out of a plane or go scuba diving? Why?
14. Write a poem about love—what does it mean?
15. What is your favorite TV show? What do you like about it?
16. How would your best friend describe you?
17. What is your favorite way to be creative?
18. Are you the last person to speak up in a group or the first to have an idea? Why do you think that is?

19. Why do we give respect to senior citizens and people who are our elders?
20. Write a poem about your classroom.
21. Would you rather paint or sculpt? Why?
22. How would you like to help in our community?
23. If you could throw a party for all your friends, what would it be like? Where would you hold it? What would you do? Who would come?
24. What is your favorite thing to do at recess on a nice day?
25. Write about the most important thing in your life.
26. Write a poem about spring flowers.
27. If you could live inside any video game, which would you choose? Why?
28. What is your favorite thing about yourself?
29. Write about a goal you accomplished recently. How did you feel when you finished it?
30. Write about a rule at school or at home that you don't like. How would you replace it?
31. Write about something your parents always tell you.

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