

WRITING PROMPTS

Narrative, Informational, Argument



EDITABLE PPT TASK CARDS

Opinion/Argument

Argue which is better using strong reasons and evidence to support your thinking.

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Opinion/Argument

Do you think virtual learning or in-person learning is more effective? Why?

Defend your answer with reasons and evidence.

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Opinion/Argument

Pretend that the school has to cut one program. Should it keep art or music class? Support your answer with reasons and evidence.

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Opinion/Argument

Are birthday parties better? Defend your answer with evidence.

Narrative

This morning you woke up, and you are 20 feet tall! What will you do all day?

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Narrative

Write about a fun day. What will you do?

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Narrative

You can only keep one memory about your family, which memory do you choose? Write about that memory.

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Narrative

Write about a fun day. What was it, and why was it important?

Informational

Many families have traditions that are special to their family. Think of a tradition in your family. What is it? How did it start? Why is it important? Write an essay explaining your family's tradition.

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Informational

Your school is burying a time capsule, and your class gets to pick four items. Brainstorm four items you and your classmates would put in the time capsule. Write an essay explaining why each item was chosen.

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Informational

Who is important to you? Think about the people who have had a positive influence on your life. Pick one of these people and write an essay explaining how this person has influenced you.

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Informational

Friends are important. Consider characteristics that make someone a good friend. Write an essay explaining why these characteristics make a good friend.

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PDF TASK CARDS

Narrative

Suppose you are a teacher for the day.

Narrative

Informational

Is there ever a time when lying, cheating,

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover;
hard to find and lucky to have."

Informational

Opinion/Argument

Which sport is the best?

Opinion/Argument

Your teacher has asked students to suggest a school rule that should be changed. Think of one rule that you would like to have changed.

Convince your teacher this rule needs to be changed.

Support your opinion with reasons and evidence.

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Opinion/Argument

Informational

Narrative

Think about your favorite character from a book or movie.
Tell a story about getting to meet this character for the first time.

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Argumentative Writing Prompts

Instructions: Pick a prompt for your writing topic.

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If you caught your best friend cheating, would you report it? Why or why not? Defend your claim using reasons and evidence.	Should students be able to pick their seats in class? Why or why not? Defend your answer with reasons and evidence.	What is the best pet a person can get? Make an argument for why this is the best pet. Use reasons and evidence to support your answer.
Would you rather live somewhere extremely hot or cold? Why? Support your choice using reasons and evidence.	Should kids choose their bedtime? Why or why not? Defend your answer with reasons and evidence.	Which sport is the best? Convince your friend that your sport is the best. Use reasons and evidence to support your answer.
Should students have more technology time or less technology time? Use reasons and evidence to support your answer.	"Play is the highest form of research." - Albert Einstein Should students have a required 30-minute recess every day? Why or why not? Support your position using reasons and evidence.	Your principal wants to invite a celebrity speaker to your school. Who should the principal invite? Why? Write a letter persuading your principal to invite your celebrity.
Would you rather visit the moon or the planet? Write a paragraph supporting your opinion with reasons and evidence.	If there could only be one season, which would you choose? Why? Write an essay supporting your claim. Include reasons and evidence.	Your teacher has asked students to suggest a school rule that should be changed. Think of one rule that you would like to have changed. Convince your teacher this rule needs to be changed. Support your opinion with reasons and evidence.
Pretend that the school has to cut one program. Should it keep art or music class? Support your answer with reasons and evidence.	Do you think virtual learning or in-person learning is more effective? Why? Defend your answer with reasons and evidence.	Would you rather have super speed or super strength? Argue which is better using solid reasons and evidence to support your thinking.

Narrative Writing Prompts

Instructions: Pick a prompt to write your narrative.

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Snow days are a magical surprise. Describe what you would do on a snow day. Use your imagination and add details to include what you would see, hear, smell, do, and who would be with you.	Recall the best day at school. What happened that made this day stand out in your memory? Write a story for a friend that tells what happened on this day at school.	Pretend you are a dog or a cat. Think of three things you would do as this animal. Tell the story from the dog's or cat's point of view and include the three things you would do. Use your imagina	You and a friend spend the day exploring the woods near your house. It starts to get dark, and you think you are lost. Use your imagination and describe how you and your friend find your way home.
You have just been shrunk down to the size of an ant. Write a story describing the good and bad things about being so small. Your story should have a beginning, middle, and end.	"You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt Write a narrative about a time you did something you thought you could not do. Be sure to include specific details and events for the reader.	You have made c discovery – one th famous through Write a story in \ about your disc you mc Include details at characters, pr happen, and	
Write a story titled "The Luckiest Day"	Pretend you are a teacher for the day. Write a story about the changes you would make if you were a teacher for the day.	Suppose you we wishes but could r yours Tell a story about \ wish for ai	
Have you ever been proud of yourself for trying or learning something new? Write about the experience. How did you motivate yourself to do what you thought you could not do? Did someone help you?	Write about a time when you were so excited you could not wait. Why were you excited? What was the event?	Have you ever d you knew wou troub Tell about the ex; did you do? Ho abou	
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Informational Writing Prompts

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Your school is burying a time capsule, and your class gets to pick four items. Brainstorm four items you and your classmates would put in the time capsule. Write an essay explaining why each item was chosen.	Many families have traditions that are special to their family. Think of a tradition in your family. What is it? How did it start? Why is it important? Write an essay explaining your family's tradition.	Friends are important. Consider characteristics that make someone a good friend. Write an essay explaining why these characteristics make a good friend.	Who is important to you? Think about the people who have had a positive influence on your life. Pick one of these people and write an essay explaining how this person has influenced you.
"Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom." - Oprah Winfrey Do you think education is important? Write an essay explaining why or why not.	Respect means different things to different people. Should respect be earned or given? Think about what respect means to you. Explain what respect means, how someone shows it, and respect should be earned or given.	Vending machines have been around since 1885! Vending machines are known for dispensing drinks and snacks. Suppose someone wanted to sell shoes or t-shirts in a vending machine. Write an essay explaining if this would work or not.	"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day." - Dalai Lama What motivates you to do your best? Write a paragraph explaining what motivates you to be the best you.
"Don't worry. Be happy." - Bobby McFerrin What makes you happy? Explain what makes you and why it brings happiness.	School can have positives and negatives, but it is what we make it. What is the most positive thing about school for you? Write a paragraph or essay explaining what makes school a positive place.	Which are more like: a piece of hard candy or a bag of cotton candy? Write a paragraph explaining your answer.	Is there ever a time when lying, cheating, or stealing is okay? Would you do so if you had to lie, cheat, or steal to accomplish an important goal? Write an essay explaining your answer.
Write a letter to the students in the grade below you. Provide information that will help them succeed when they enter your grade next year.	Summarize a good book you recently read. Inform the reader of the important events in the book and why they should read it.	Compare and contrast space and the bottom of the sea. How are the two similar and different?	Create a school brochure for new students. What is important for them to know? A map? Clubs? Be creative, but also be sure to include helpful information.
If you could be a Minecraft character, what would you be? Why? Explain the character's traits and why you would be this character.	Compare and contrast the food you get at school to the food you get at home. How are the foods similar and different?	What keeps you engaged? Write a how-to essay about keeping students engaged in school.	Write a how-to guide for making friends. What does someone need to know and do to make a friend and be a friend?