

W

Do you think students should be allowed to chew gum in school?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

R

If you could have a superpower, would you rather have the ability to read people's minds, or the ability to fly?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

I

What is the best thing to do at recess?

Write an opinion piece trying to convince your friend that your favorite activity is the best.

T

Do you think you have what it takes to be the principal for a day?

Write an letter to your principal stating reasons about why he or she should let you be in charge for one day.

E

Would you rather be a shark or a whale?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Would you rather be the teacher or the student?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Do you think students should have a set bedtime on school nights?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Would you rather be known for being super smart or incredibly kind?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Do you think there should be a candy machine in the lunchroom?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Would you like to change the food that is served in the cafeteria?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Do you think students should have to do homework?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

What flavor of ice cream do you think is the best?

Write an opinion piece trying to convince your friend that your favorite flavor is the best.

What is your favorite thing to eat for dinner?

Write a letter to your mom stating reasons about why she should serve your favorite meal every night?

Do you think you should be able to pick your teacher?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Would you rather have all of your hair fall out or all of your teeth fall out?

Write an opinion piece that states your belief and give reasons why you feel that way.

Narrative Writing

W	R	I	T	E
Write about a time when you were sick. Be sure to use descriptive writing.	Have you ever been scared? Write about what happened.	Do you have a brother or sister? Write about a special time with them.	Have you ever had a snow day when school was closed? Write about what you did instead of going to school.	Write about your favorite birthday and how you celebrated it.
Have you ever felt so happy it seemed like you were walking on air? Write about that special time.	Write a story that happened to you that might begin with you saying "ouch".	Write about a time when you felt sad...and if it ended in a happy way, be sure to include that, too.	What was your favorite thing that you did over summer vacation? Write a narrative piece about it.	Have you ever gotten into trouble? Write a narrative piece about it.
Have you ever been lost? Write a narrative piece and be sure to tell how you were reunited with your family.	Kindness is contagious. Write about a time when you were kind to others.	Do you play sports? Write about your best game or event ever.	What is your favorite season? Write about the best activity you have ever done during that season.	Have you ever been to an amusement park? Write a narrative piece about that time.

Informative Writing

W	R	I	T	E
<p>What is your favorite sport? Write an informative piece on how to play that sport.</p>	<p>Which famous person do you know a lot about or want to know more about? Write a biography about that person.</p>	<p>What are you an expert at doing? Write an informative piece telling all about your expertise.</p>	<p>Do you have a special talent? Is it something that not many people your age can do? Write an informative piece telling all about your talent.</p>	<p>What is your favorite animal? Write an informative piece telling all about your favorite animal.</p>
<p>What would you like to be when you grow up? Write an informative piece about that occupation.</p>	<p>Who is your favorite person? Write an informative piece telling all about that person.</p>	<p>Have you been anywhere famous such as a national monument? Write an informative piece telling about the place that you visited.</p>	<p>Choose a non-fiction text on a topic that you do not know much about. Write an informative piece telling about what you have learned.</p>	<p>Think about a game that you like to play. Write an informative piece telling someone else how to play that game.</p>
<p>Can you cook something? Write an informative piece telling someone how to cook that same thing.</p>	<p>Have you ever built a snowman? Write step-by-step directions telling someone who has never built a snowman, how to do it.</p>	<p>What are some safety rules that you know? Write an informative piece about how to be safe while you are at school.</p>	<p>What is something that is created or produced in your area? Write an informative piece to someone in another state telling them about it.</p>	<p>Do you have a pet? Write an informative piece telling how to care for your pet.</p>

W

Write a letter to a former teacher thanking them and telling them how they helped you.

R

Write a letter to a family member telling them why you think they are special.

I

Write a letter to your principal suggesting a change that you would like to see happen at your school.

T

Write a letter to someone that helps at your school. Be sure to thank them for all that they do for your school.

E

Write a letter to the newspaper telling them about all of the amazing things you have learned in class.

Write a letter to someone that lives far away. Tell them all of the things that you are learning to do.

Write a letter to someone that has helped you in the past. Be sure to tell them how their help made a difference.

Write a letter to your mayor telling them what you like about living in your city or town.

Write a letter to your teacher telling him or her about the funniest thing that has ever happened to you.

Write a letter to a friend telling them what you think makes them such a great friend.

Write a letter to your family telling them about something you would like to do over the summer.

Write a letter to your favorite book character.

Write a letter to your favorite author. Be sure to highlight your favorite book that they have written.

Write a letter to someone who was absent telling them what they missed in school.

Write a letter to a family member telling them something that you really want. Tell them what you are willing to do to earn it.

Writing About Literature

W

If you were the author of the book, how might you change the ending?

R

Did you like the book? Why or why not? Back up your opinion with specific details from or about the text.

I

What part of the text was the most important? Write about it and tell why you felt it was so important.

T

Write a sequel to your story. Tell about what would happen after the book ended.

E

What question or questions do you still have after reading this book?

What are two questions that you would ask the author of your book? Write what you think his or her response would be.

Write about the problem in your book. How would you solve it if you were a character in the story?

If you met the main character in real life, do you think you would be friends? Write about why you would or would not be friends.

Write about a text-to-self or text-to-world connection you had while reading this book.

Why do you think the author wrote this book?

Write a letter to a friend recommending this book to them.

How did your book begin? Did it grab your attention? If you were the author would you begin the book the same way?

Does your book remind you of anything? Write about it.

Think about two characters in the story. Compare and contrast those two characters.

Write a summary about the entire book. Section it into events at the beginning, middle and end.

Writing About Informational Text

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Write two interesting facts that you read about in your text. Write about why you thought they were interesting.	How do the pictures from the text help you to understand what you read?	Was the text about something you knew a lot about or just a little bit about? Write about why you chose it.	Choose a diagram or chart from the text. Draw it and tell why you think it was important to the text.	Were there any opinions in your text? If so, write about if you agree or disagree with what the author wrote.
Did what you read leave you with any unanswered questions? Write about any lingering questions that you have.	Did you have a text-to-self or text-to-world connection? Write about it.	Write a letter to a friend telling them what this book was mostly about.	Choose a text feature and tell how it helped you understand the topic better.	Create a new text feature for this book.
What was your favorite part of this text? Write about why it was your favorite?	Tell what fact that you learned from the text and why it was important to the overall topic.	Pick some vocabulary words that you did not know before reading this text. Tell about their meanings.	What are some facts that you know about the topic that the author did not include?	How will what you learned about this non-fiction topic help you to understand a fiction topic on the same subject?

W

I could hardly
believe my eyes
when I walked
outside and saw...

R

The loud crash
came from
downstairs. I
would have to
check it out, but
the house was
dark. Instead I
decided to...

I

Suddenly, my
teacher stopped
writing on the
board. She
turned around
and looked
straight at me!

T

I was so
embarrassed
when...

E

I was so shocked
when the snow
began falling right
inside of our
classroom!

We were on our
way to school
when POP! we got
a flat tire.

I couldn't believe
my ears when
my family said
that we were
going to visit my
favorite place on
earth!

When I went to
turn in my project
that was due
today, I checked
my backpack and
it was nowhere to
be found!

Every day we use
our metal detector
in the park to look
for "treasure".
Today must have
been our lucky day,
because we found..

We were driving
down the road
when all of a
sudden our car
turned into a
spaceship!

As I was taking
my dog for a
walk, I was
shocked to look
down and find it
had transformed
into an alligator!

The very best
day of my life
was the day
when...

"Pssst! I have a
secret!"
whispered my
best friend.

Saturdays are
always fun, but I
knew today we
were really in for
an adventure
when...

I woke up early
Sunday morning
only to find that I
was home all
alone.