

# WRITING PROMPTS

1 - Pretend your class is putting together a time capsule. It might not be opened by anyone for 100 years or more. This time capsule will tell people in the future what life on earth was like in the 2000's and what kinds of problems we have to deal with nowadays. You can choose one idea to go inside the capsule and then explain what you chose and why. Give three reasons to support your topic and develop your writing following a five-paragraph essay format. (EXPOSITORY)

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2- Many parents worry about helping their children be successful students in school. Give three reasons to support this statement. Write a five-paragraph essay that could become a guide for parents on how they could help their child to succeed in school. (EXPOSITORY)

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3- A famous philosopher once defined happiness as “a good bank account, a good cook, and a good digestion.” Before you begin writing, think about how you would define happiness. Now explain what happiness means to you and give reasons to show the things that you need to be happy. (EXPOSITORY)

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4- Your principal asked the students to decide how to spend \$10 000 dollars for improving the school's appearance and services. Before you begin writing, think about what improvements you would like to make and why. Now write to convince your principal to take the action you propose. (PERSUASIVE)

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5- Being a good reader is very important for everyone. Think about why you believe it is important to be a good reader; think about the benefits of reading. Write an essay to explain to the reader why it is important to be a good reader. (EXPOSITORY)

6- Many parents consider sending their kids to summer school as a way to make them learn what they missed during the school. Before you begin writing, think about whether parents should send their children to summer school. Now write to convince your parents to accept your point of view on whether or not they should go to summer school and how the parents can prevent this from happening. (PERSUASIVE)

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7- Your town is considering two proposals to improve some vacant park land near your school: (1) turn the land into a public soccer field or (2) build a public swimming pool on the land. Before you begin writing, think about the effect each proposal will have on you and your town. Now write to persuade people to accept your point of view on which proposal is best. (PERSUASIVE)

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8- Imagine that someone invented a time travel machine and offered you the opportunity to meet an important guest (living or dead) from any time in the past or present. If you had your choice of the most interesting person with whom you could share the day, who would he or she be? This person could be from any part of life: politics, military, media, the arts, sports etc. Brainstorm and think of all the people who have interested you? Your job is to write a five-paragraph essay to explain who you would like to meet and why you would choose him or her and what you would like to say to him or her. (EXPOSITORY)

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9- Not all drivers pass their driver's test the first time. Many require two, even three tries. Create a five- paragraph essay that could become a how-to brochure for new drivers: How to Pass Your Driver's test. You need to write about a driver can get his driver's license and how he can demonstrate that he is a responsible driver.

10- Inventions are all around us. Think of an invention that has changed our lives forever, one that has been especially helpful or harmful to people. Write an expository five-paragraph essay that explains why.

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11- Pretend your class is putting together a time capsule. It might not be opened by anyone for 100 years or more. This time capsule will tell people in the future what life on earth was like in the 1990's and what kinds of problems we had to deal with at that time. You can choose one idea to go inside the capsule and then explain what you chose and why. Give three reasons to support your topic and develop your writing following a five-paragraph essay format.

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12- Your family is getting ready to move to a new home and your parents have given you two choices: in a neighborhood of or near a city or on a farm in the country.

Think carefully about where you would like to live and the reasons why.

Write an essay persuading your family to live either in or near a city or on a farm away in the country.

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13- Your town is considering two proposals to improve some empty park land near your school:

- 1) turn the land into a community garden or
- 2) build a public pool on the land

Before you begin to write, think about the effects and advantages of each proposal for your town.

Now write to persuade the people to accept your point of view on which proposal is best.