

Expository

Expository writing is writing for real purposes and audiences. These writing prompts deal with informative writing. Informative writing is organized into paragraphs with a topic or a main idea sentence. It requires that the author plan, research, and organize material. There are no imaginary scenarios.

Expository writing can be difficult for less experienced writers. It is structured and not written in the first person. Be prepared to do a lot of modeling for your students before asking them to write expository pieces independently. These writing prompts ask students to explain or inform the reader about a specific topic. Some prompts ask students to briefly research a topic before beginning the writing. You may wish to have reference material available.



Narrative

Think of an important person in your life who is not related to you. Why is this person so important to you? What things have you done with this person? Describe this person and what makes him or her important. Be sure to give specific examples in your narrative.



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Charles Lindbergh was the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. What else do you know about Mr. Lindbergh? Read about him in the encyclopedia, other books, or on the Internet if you have permission from your teacher. Think about questions that students your age would want to ask about Mr. Lindbergh and research to find the answers. Write a report to present your findings.



Persuasive

Think of a nonfiction book you have read recently and write a review of it. Did you like the information in the book? Was the information helpful? Were there illustrations or pictures? Did you like how the book was written? Try to convince someone else to read or not read this nonfiction book.

