



2020-21 A+ Ready Writing

INVITATIONAL

INSTRUCTIONS

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THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

Topic: *Traveling Through Time*

Imagine you owned a time traveler machine. Create a story explaining where you would go and what you would do when you arrived.

Topic: *Type of Person*

Think about your daily schedule. Are you a morning, afternoon, or evening person? Write an essay explaining the type of person you are and include specific reasons to support your response.



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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

Topic: *My Value*

Think about all of the values that are important to you. Then, choose the value that is most important. Write an essay explaining the value and why it is so important to you.

Topic: *Celebrity Hang Out*

Imagine your favorite celebrity wanted to hang out with you for a day. Write a story explaining who the celebrity is and how you enjoyed your day.



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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Topic: *Living Forwards*

Soren Kierkegaard once said, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." Think about what this quote means. Write an essay explaining its meaning using examples from your own life, the lives of others, or stories you have read to further prove your interpretation.

Topic: *Lesson Learned*

Think about a story you read where the main character learned a lesson from a previous experience. Write an essay describing the lesson the character learned and how it impacted his or her life.



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Topic: *Standing Up for a Belief*

Think about a time when you stood up for something you believed in. Write an essay explaining the situation and how your belief influenced your decision to do something.

Topic: *Something New*

Pretend you have a friend who is afraid to try anything new. Write a letter to that friend encouraging him or her to face that fear. Remember you should not use your real name or that of your school.



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Topic: *Stairs to Success*

Someone once said, "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." Think about what this quote means and write an essay explaining your thoughts.

Topic: *Classroom or Online*

In your opinion, is it easier to learn online or in the classroom? Write an essay explaining your opinion with specific reasons.



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Topic: *Flow*

The idea of "flow" occurs when a person is so absorbed or so fully engaged in an activity that he or she becomes "lost in time." This could occur when you are doing a job such as schoolwork or a hobby such as playing basketball for examples. Think about all the activities you enjoy. Write about an activity that makes you experience "flow" explaining what you love about the activity and why it makes you lose track of time.

Topic: *Money or Happiness?*

Would you rather make a lot of money doing a job you hate, or would you rather make less money doing a job you love? Write an essay explaining your opinion.



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Topic: *Positive Mistake*

Mistakes are proof that you are trying. Think about a mistake you have made. Write an essay explaining how the mistake impacted you in a positive way.

Topic: *Trading Places*

Imagine you could change places with anyone for a day. Write a story explaining who you would trade places with. Be as creative as you would like.



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Topic: *Not a Perfect Day*

Write a creative story with the sentence, "It seemed like a perfect day, until..." Be as creative as you would like.

Topic: *Overcoming a Challenge*

Think about a major challenge you or someone you know has overcome. Write an essay explaining the challenge and how it was conquered.



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Topic: *Fear's Survival*

The writer Steve Maraboli once said, "Your fear is 100% dependent on you for survival." Write an essay explaining what you think that quote means and apply it to your life in some way.

Topic: *Advancing Technology*

Think about the ways that technology has advanced. In your opinion, do you think it has advanced too far or not far enough? Write an essay using specific examples to support your opinion.