CREATIVE WRITING PROMPTS

Here is a list of creative, reflective, and thought-provoking writing prompts for journal writing that students can respond to for offline writing while they are working from home.

1. Talk to your family. Call your relatives, talk to your parents and grandparents. Find out what their lives were like when they were young. What crisis or big event can they remember and describe? Write down the details of the things you learn. If you’re feeling creative turn it into a podcast.

2. Write a first hand historical account of your own Coronavirus 2020 experience. You may be telling your own children or grandchildren about it someday. Describe what you do with your time, how you’re feeling, thinking and what you’re observing in the world around you.

3. Is it important to learn in a physical classroom, today, or is an online classroom just as good?

4. Outside your window what is the weather like right now? If it’s not inspiring, what is the weather like somewhere you wish you could be?

5. Write a letter to your future self about your experiences up to this point in your life, including your hopes and dreams. Seal it up and put it somewhere safe and open it in 5 years.

6. List three people you admire and explain why you admire them.

7. Do your dreams at night resemble a movie? What does your dream life look like?

8. Write about a movie you have watched today - a review, a summary, or a critique with a rating.

9. Use the alphabet and make a list of adjectives that describe you with words that start with A, B, C, etc.

10. Choose your favorite photograph from your childhood and write about what is happening that you can remember surrounding the events lead up to, and following what is depicted in that photo.

11. Describe a day in your life if you were a butterfly or a bird...

12. What are you grateful for this week?

13. What are you most proud of?

14. What good deed can you do this week?

15. Describe your deepest fear. Why do you have this fear? Is this a rational or irrational fear?

16. What does success mean to you?

17. What is one problem in our world that really needs to be solved immediately? Why is this issue so urgent?
18. In what ways have you changed the most over the last three years? What led to this transformation?

19. Describe your bedroom? How does your bedroom reflect your personality?

20. If you could invent something that would change the world, what would it be? Sketch your invention.

21. If you won the lottery what would you do with the money? Why?

22. If one person can be a change agent in the world, how can you be the change the world needs?

23. What does it mean to be a good neighbor? Are you a good neighbor? If not, what can you do to be a better neighbor?

24. How do you deal with people who bother you? Is this effective?

25. What brings you joy? Why?

26. What are some ways you can reduce your “carbon footprint”? How can you and your family take steps to conserve water, fuel, food, etc?

27. Write about a time when you learned a hard truth about yourself. How did you feel afterward?

28. What is the most important thing anyone has ever said to you? How did it make you feel?

29. Write down a list of the ten most defining people in your life and the ten most defining moments in your life, to this point. Explain why these were “defining” people or moments, either positive or negative. Save this list and in two years see if the list is the same or if the “top ten” have changed.

30. What is the difference between a “right” and a “privilege”? Provide examples.

31. Describe a specific place in your state that you particularly like. Why do you like it?

32. Write a poem about your favorite food, pet, or most prized possession.

33. Create a photo essay of one day in your life and write captions for each photo. You can upload this to a digital platform in the form of a slideshow.

34. Choose a painting or piece of artwork in your house. Describe this artwork and write a fictional story for it.

35. What is the most selfless thing you have ever done. Why did you do it and how did it make you feel?

36. How much time do you spend online each day? Is it too much? Why or why not?

37. Write about something you once believed in your childhood that turned out to be wrong. How did you find out?
38 Write about a time when you or someone you know, showed courage in dealing with a problem in life.

39 Write a letter to a friend or relative whom you haven’t seen in a long time.

40 What would you do with your time if there was no such thing as television, video games or the internet?

41 What is leadership? Define what the word means to you and give an example.

42 Do you think leaders are born or become leaders through experience? Why?

43 Has social media changed relationships between people? Why or why not?

44 What do you think you will own in the future that has not been invented yet?

45 Write about a time when you gave in to peer pressure.

46 Describe the qualities of a best friend. Do you have a best friend? Are these the same qualities you see in yourself? Do you think you are a good friend? Why or why not?

47 What is your superpower? How does this power reflect your personality?

48 What is the biggest obstacle you face? What would help you overcome it?

49 If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

50 If you could try one new thing - an experience, a food, a hobby - what would it be and why?

51 If you could curate a soundtrack for how you’re feeling today which artists and songs would you choose? Why?