

Date	Topic	Writing Prompts
November	Persuasive Essay**	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                      Sometimes an issue affects you so strongly that you want to convince others to act in a certain way. Write a persuasive essay on an issue that is important to you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                      Choose an issue from Unit 1 that you feel strongly about. Write a persuasive essay that explains the issue and mentions the literary work in which you found it.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing in the Workplace</b>                      Write a memo to an employer proposing that you be given more responsibilities, such as becoming the head of a new branch or department</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing About History</b>                      Choose an event in world history that interests you. Write an essay persuading readers to share your opinion about the event. For example, did the event advance or restrict freedom? Did the people involved act justly or unjustly?</p>
December	Reflective Essay**	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>                      Write an essay in which you reflect on an experience that taught you an important lesson. Include details that help your readers understand the people and events you are writing about. Explain how the experience changed you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                      Choose a quotation from a literary work in this unit. Write a reflective essay that relates the quotation to an event in your life. Your essay should tell why the event matters to you and explain whether you agree or disagree with the author.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                      Recall an action you took at school, at a job, or in a community activity that made a difference, either positive or negative. Reflect on what you did and why it had the impact it had.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing Inspired by Fine Art</b>                      In an art book or online source, find a work of art that moves you. Study the art and identify aspects of it that move you and why. Write your reflections.</p>

<p>Unit 3</p>	<p>Biographical Narrative</p>	<p><b><i>Writing Prompt 1</i></b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>                  Write a biographical narrative about a person who you believe is important or influential. Include anecdotes can details to help your reader visualize the person clearly. Make sure your reader understands why the person is important to you.</p> <p><b><i>Writing Prompt 2</i></b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                  Writing about another person can give you insight into that person’s life and his or her significance. Do some research and write a biographical narrative about one of the writers in this unit whose life inspires you or intrigues you.</p> <p><b><i>Writing Prompt 3</i></b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                  Choose a person you admire, such as world leader, sports hero, inventor, or historical figure. Research you subject and then write a speech for an award ceremony, honoring the person for his or contributions.</p> <p><b><i>Writing Prompt 4</i></b>  <b>Writing Inspired by Fine Art</b>                  Look for portraits, past or present. The portraits may be photographs or paintings, known people or family members. Choose the person whose portrait most inspires you. Learn about him or her and write a biographical narrative with your findings.</p>
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<p><b>March</b></p>	<p><b>Literary Analysis**</b></p>	<p><i>Writing Prompt 1</i>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                      Analyzing a literary work can help you understand it more deeply. Write an essay in which you focus on one or more literary elements, such as setting, characters, or plot details, in a work of fiction. Explain how the element or elements contribute to the meaning.</p> <p><i>Writing Prompt 2</i>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                      Choose story you have viewed or read that you just can't stop thinking about. Write an essay that briefly summarizes the story and examines its meaning. Focus on specific elements that make the story meaningful and memorable.</p> <p><i>Writing Prompt 3</i>  <b>Writing from the News</b>                      Choose a hard news or feature story from a newspaper. Analyze it as a work of literature, exploring its characters, events, setting, and themes.</p> <p><i>Writing Prompt 4</i>  <b>Writing Inspired by Fine Art</b>                      Many works of art relate to or hint at a story. They may portray events from myth, religion, or history, or suggest an original narrative in the image itself. Find a work of art in an art book, museum, or art gallery that portrays a story. Briefly describe the art and the story it shows. Then, analyze the meaning you find in the art.</p>
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<p>May</p>	<p><b>Comparison-Contrast Essay or Problem-Solution Essay (see below)**</b></p>	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                  Write an essay comparing and contrasting two poems. Your essay should concentrate on key aspect of the poems, such as theme, style, or work choice, and should give readers new insight into the works.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                  Compare and contrast two creative works that strongly interest you. Choose key aspects of the works as the basis of your comparison. For instance, you might focus on visual style, characters, theme, or time period. Your essay should give new insight into the works.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from Media</b>                  Write an essay comparing and contrasting two works of journalism from this unit or the current media. Focus your essay on key aspects of the works, such as subject matters, objectivity or subjectivity, style, and tone, and offer readers new insight into the works.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                  Write a report from an employer comparing and contrasting two options, such as music to play a store or the best online software. Include pros and cons of each option, don't state opinions.</p>
<p>May</p>	<p><b>Problem-Solution Essay or Comparison-Contrast Essay (see above)**</b></p>	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                  Problems at school, in your community, and in the wider world are inescapable. Choose a problem that deeply interests you and write an essay in which you define the problem, examine its causes, and explore possible solutions.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                  Perhaps something you read in this unit made you think about a problem in a new way. Choose a problem you found in a literary work. Write an essay in which you describe the problem and identify a possible solution.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>                  Find a news article about a problem that interests you. Present your solution to the problem.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from Images</b>                  Find a photograph or work of fine art that portrays a problem. Identify the problem and give your solution.</p>

<p>May</p>	<p>Research Paper**</p>	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>                  Develop a question about a piece of literature you have read. Write a research paper supporting a conclusion you reach about your topic. Present information from at least six sources as well as your own ideas and interpretations. Follow approved guidelines for format and documentation.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Historical Investigation</b>                  Write a research paper that investigates an event or an idea from history. Your paper should present your own interpretations as well as information from at least six sources. Follow approved guidelines for format and documentation.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing About the Working World</b>                  Write a research paper that outlines the kind of training that would help ensure success in a career of your choice. Include information gathered from online sources and from interviews with professionals now working in that career.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing About Fine Art</b>                  Choose a notable work of art; then use research to draw a conclusion about its significance. Consider the artist’s biography as well the particular elements of the work and its position in art history.</p>
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