

Grade 5 Writing Topics
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Week 6

Unit	Mode	Topics
1	Personal Narrative	Write about an interesting experience in your life. Consider narrowing your focus by writing about a challenge that you faced. Include details about how you felt about the challenge and how you overcame it. Remember to tell events in your story in the correct order.
2	Persuasive Essay	Write a persuasive essay that states an opinion you feel strongly about. Consider narrowing your focus by writing about how a large donation of money to your school should be spent. Be sure to offer convincing reasons for your opinion and support them with explanations, facts, and examples.
3	Fictional Narrative	Write an interesting story about a character you create. Consider narrowing your focus by writing about an important decision faced by this character. Include details to show how the decision changes the character's life. Be sure the story includes a problem and a solution.
4	Expository Writing – Research Report	Think about places that you have visited or would like to visit. Choose a landmark and gather information about it from a variety of sources. Present the facts in a research report. State the main idea in the introduction, provide supporting details and connect your points by using transition words.
5	Descriptive Writing – Compare/Contrast	Write an article about 2 topics that can be compared. They may be 2 activities such as painting and drawing; 2 items from nature such as an earthquake and a flood; or 2 places such as a desert and a beach. Present both similarities and differences in your compare/contrast article and remember to summarize your information in a conclusion.
6	Expository Writing – How-to Article	Think about a task, a project that you would like to explain to other 5 th graders. Choose 1 that you think is important or interesting and that you think will appeal to your audience. Write a how-to article that explains how to do this task or project. Remember to use step by step instructions that are organized in a logical way.