



## Writing Workshops-Grade 7

Some topics are supported with WriteSmart models to assist students during the writing process.

\*=-Collected in red writing folders assessed with four point 6 Trait rubrics

**QUARTER 1: \*Comparison/Contrast (p. 286)**

**QUARTER II: \*Interpretive Essay (p. 524)**

**QUARTER III: \*Cause and Effect Essay (p. 742)**

**QUARTER IV: \*Persuasive Essay (p. 948)**

**\*RESEARCH REPORT:** English teachers identify within their department a timeline for completion to support coordination with media services. The research report should be completed by the end of the year, possibly integrated with another content area.

Unit	Topic	Writing Prompts
1	Descriptive Essay	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>            Write a focused description of a special place. Your description should be richly detailed and should explain why the place is important to you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>            Choose a place from a story you have read. Describe the place in that story from a character’s point of view. You may invent details about the place, as long as they make sense in the story. Be sure to explain which story and character you chose and why you chose them.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>            Write descriptive text about a special place for a travel brochure or a travel Web site.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from a Picture:</b> Write a focused description of a scene from a painting or photograph.</p>
2	Comparison-Contrast Essay	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>            Write an essay that compares and contrasts two characters from literature. Your essay should explain why you chose those characters.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>            Write a comparison-contrast essay about two people, places, or objects that are familiar to you. Explain why you chose those two subjects.</p>

		<p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write a consumer report that compares and contrasts two products. Your article should include concrete details about your two subjects.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing About Music</b>  Write a two-minute speech that compares two musicians, bands, singers, or types of music.</p>
3	Short Story	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Your Imagination</b>  Write a story that is set in an unusual time or location. Make sure that your story has a plot, a conflict, and one or more characters.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Choose a “big question” from this unit that really make you think. Then write a short story related to that question. Create a plot, conflict, a setting and one or more characters.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>  Write a short story about a person, a place, or an experience from your own life.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing about Fine Art</b>  Locate a picture of a painting or a sculpture at an online museum or in a book. Use your imagination to write a story based on the art.</p>
4	Interpretive Essay	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Interpreting a work of literature involves examining it closely and figuring out meanings that you did not notice at first. Choose a short story and write an interpretive essay that helps the reader find new meanings in it. Examine one or two literary elements in the story, such as plot, characters, conflict setting, mood, dialogue, or point of view.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Powerful stories are everywhere, not just in literature. Think of a memorable story that you recently viewed or read. Write an essay that briefly summarizes the story and examines its deeper meaning or message.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Prepare a brief speech from a media class interpreting the meaning of images and text in a print ad or a commercial. Find your subject on television, on a billboard, or in a magazine.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing About Fine Art</b> Prepare the text for an audio guide that explains the meaning of a work of art in a museum. Find your subjects at an online museum or in a book.</p>

5	Personal Response to Media or Literature	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Choose a poem that caused strong feelings in you. Write a personal response that explains why the poem made you feel that way you did. Briefly describe the poem so that readers unfamiliar with it can understand your response.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write an essay for a music magazine that describes your response to a song or type of music. Give readers specific examples to help them understand why the song or type of music is important to you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write a movie review from your school newspaper. Explain what the movie is about and your reaction to it.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing About Fine Art</b>  <b>Write an essay for an art magazine. Describe a painting and explain your response to it. Find your subject in an art book, in this textbook, or on an art museum’s Web site.</b></p>
6	Cause-and-Effect Essay	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write an essay about a cause-and-effect relationship that your think is important or interesting. Make sure you can show clearly how one event caused another event to happen.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  The literature in this unit is full of cause-and-effect relationships. Write an essay that traces a cause-and-effect relationship in a literary work.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write a report for your health class that explains the cause-and-effect relationship of specific behaviors.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from Your Imagination</b>  Write an essay about an imaginary event and the possible effects of that event.</p>
7	Personal Narrative	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>  Write a narrative that describes a special event in your life. Include details that help your reader understand what the event was like. Be sure to explain why the event was important to you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Choose a literary work that reminded you of an event in your life. Write a narrative that identifies the title and author of the work and describes the similar event that you experienced. Explain why the event was important to you.</p>

		<p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write a personal narrative for your special memories scrapbook. Focus on a specific event and explain why it was important to you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from Media</b> Select a movie or television character whose experience in your own life. Write about this connection.</p>
8	Persuasive Essay	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Have you ever been treated unfairly? Have you noticed injustices you want to speak up about? Choose an issue you feel strongly about. Write a persuasive essay in which you explain the issue and attempt to persuade your reader to agree with your point of view.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Sometimes you read something that gives you a whole new way to think about an issue. Using a selection in this unit as a springboard, write a persuasive essay about an issue that interests you.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Write a persuasive essay for your school newspaper. Your essay should include convincing details to support your position.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from Your Life</b>  The town council has asked you to give a speech before their next vote. In order to be persuasive, you must include convincing reasons.</p>
9	Research Report	<p><b>Writing Prompt 1</b>  <b>Writing from Literature</b>  Develop a specific question about a work of fiction or nonfiction that you read this year. Write a research report that explores that question in detail. Your report should present information from at least three sources as well as your own ideas. Include a list of the sources you used.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 2</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World</b>  Is there a question or topic that you have always wanted to know more about? Write a research report that investigates it. Your report should present information from at least three sources. It should also include your own ideas. Finish with a list of the sources you used.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 3</b>  <b>Writing About History:</b> Write a research report that explores an event in history and its consequences for people today.</p> <p><b>Writing Prompt 4</b>  <b>Writing from the Real World:</b> Write a research report about a current world problem.</p>

