



280 JOURNAL PROMPTS

Topics
that motivate
students to write!
Also use as discussion topics,
small/ large group activities
and
at centers

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If you were the main character, in a story you've read, what would you have done to change the plot?

6

If you could live anywhere around the world, where would it be?

2

Who's your favorite relative?

7

If you could meet a character from a story, who would it be?

3

If there was an emergency in your home, what would you do first?

8

If you could meet a famous person, who would it be?

4

Would you prefer to live in a warm or cold climate?

9

What's your favorite food?

5

If you could live during a certain period of time, would it be in the past, present or future?

10

What is the ideal pet?

11

You have been elected
President of the United States.
What's the first thing
you would do?

16

If you had a choice
of eating peas or asparagus,
what would you choose?

12

Describe a time
when you were brave.

17

If you could have dinner
with a famous person,
who would it be?

13

If you could be on a game show,
what show would it be?

18

If you had a super power,
what would it be?

14

If you could redecorate
your bedroom,
what would it be like?

19

What's the best piece of advice
someone has given you?

15

What's the best time of day for you?

20

What's your favorite month?

21

What's your favorite out of school activity?

26

If you weren't allowed to watch television, what would you do?

22

If your friends didn't invite you to go somewhere with them, what would you do? How would you feel?

27

If you could take three friends with you on vacation, who would it be?

23

If you were given one wish, what would it be?

28

If you were principal of your school, name one change you would make.

24

If someone made fun of you, what would you do?

29

What do you like the most about yourself?

25

What makes you feel safe?

30

What is a talent you have?

31

How would you feel
if you did something wrong?

36

What kind of clothing do you
like to wear?

32

If you saw a friend steal something,
would you tell an adult?

37

What can be done
to stop pollution?

33

If you were approached
by a stranger,
what would you do?

38

If you were lost in the woods,
what would you do?

34

If there were no laws,
what do you think would happen?

39

If a friend borrowed something
from you and didn't return it,
what would you do?

35

What's something that
really bothers you?

40

What's the best gift
you've ever given to someone?

41

If two good friends invited you to a party the same night, what would you do?

46

What is the best memory you have of kindergarten or first grade?

42

The qualities of a best friend are...

47

Would you like to be a leader of a country or would you rather be a famous artist?

43

What would you do if you saw a friend cheating on a test?

48

What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you?

44

What would you do if you had math problems marked wrong on a test, but they were correct?

49

Who is your role model?

45

If you owned a store, what kind of store would it be?

50

If you could declare a new holiday, what would it be?

51

What is something you treasure
and keep hidden in your room?

56

Do you like your middle name?
If not,
what would you change it to?

52

If you went camping, would you
want to sleep in
a tent or in a cabin?

57

What do you like to do
when it rains?

53

What makes you feel special?

58

Would you rather wear shoes
or go barefoot?

54

What is your favorite season?

59

What's your favorite holiday?

55

What's your favorite
subject in school?

60

Describe a favorite toy you had
when you were younger.

61

What's your favorite kind of weather?

66

If animals could talk, what animal would you talk with?
What would you talk about?

62

What is something that disappointed you?

67

Describe a time when you were accused of something you didn't do.

63

What was an embarrassing moment you had?

68

Where do you prefer to do homework?

64

Would you rather go to the beach or to a museum?

69

If you were ten feet tall, how would your life be different?

65

What would you change about your town or city?

70

What kind of music do you like?

71

What are the qualities of a good teacher?

76

If you could change something about your neighborhood, what would it be?

72

What is something you'll never forget?

77

What would you do if you woke up in another country and no one understood the language you spoke?

73

How would you survive on a deserted island?

78

Summarize your day in twenty words or less.

74

Describe the characteristics of a hero.

79

Something I'd like to learn to do is...

75

Should kids be given allowance money from their parents?

80

Should kids be required to do volunteer work?

81

If you were an inventor,
what would you invent?

86

What are you thankful for?

82

What's your favorite board game?

87

When you have a problem,
who do you talk with?

83

Make a list of ten of
the most important things you've
learned.

88

Why is exercising important?

84

What is the best field trip you've
ever taken?

89

What do you use a computer for?

85

What do you worry about?

90

Have you ever flown on a jet or
ridden on a train?
Where did you go?

91

What's something
you'd save money for?

96

What foreign language
would you like to learn?

92

What advice would you give
someone who will be
in your grade next year?

97

What's the best movie
you've ever seen?

93

What's the best way
to learn about a new topic?
Hands-on experiences or reading
books?

98

If you were the coach of a team
what advice would you give your
players?

94

What does the saying
"Don't judge a book by its cover"
mean?

99

If you could be an animal,
which one would
you choose to be?

95

What do you consider is a healthy
lunch?

100

If you bought a sports team, what
would you name it?

101

Should the voting age be lowered?

106

Should the driving age be lowered?

102

If you found a million dollars
in a parking lot
what would you do with it?

107

What's the best compliment
you've ever received?

103

Are rules important?

108

What's your favorite
family tradition?

104

Are older people, wiser than young
people?

109

Is it important to read?

105

Make a list of five things
you learned in the last two days.

110

Describe your sneakers.

111

What states have you traveled to?

116

Describe a perfect day.

112

Should people live on other planets?

117

What's the best piece of advice you've given someone?

113

If you were given the choice of reading a book or watching television, which would you choose?

118

What's the best form of transportation?

114

If you could invite a guest speaker to visit your class, who would it be?

119

If you had the choice of going to a zoo or go sailing, which would you choose?

115

If you were an author, what kind of book would you write?

120

Should a sports player make more money than the President of the United States?

121

Should kids be required to wear uniforms to school?

126

If you could change one thing about yourself, what it would be?

122

Should wild animals be kept in zoos?

127

Should children be allowed to drive ATV's?

123

Should students have to achieve high grades to be on sport teams?

128

Should there be stricter behavior rules in schools?

124

Should soda machines be allowed in schools?

129

Should all guns be banned in the United States?

125

Should students be allowed to use cell phones in class?

130

Should fines for littering be increased?

131

If you could share one thing about yourself, with your class, what would it be?

136

Should students have a say about what's served in the cafeteria?

132

If you could change the title of a book, what would it be called?

137

Would you like to live in a city or in the country when you are older?

133

If you saw a wounded wild animal, what would you do?

138

Should more American history be taught in schools?

134

If you could add a room to your school, what would it be?

139

What's your least favorite subject in school?

135

If you could change your classroom, what changes would you make?

140

What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?

I41

Why is it important to be organized?

I46

Is it important to ask for help when you don't understand something?

I42

Why is it important to do homework?

I47

Why is it important to clean out your book bag?

I43

What's the hardest thing you've ever done?

I48

Describe what you think a park ranger does.

I44

Should there be school on Saturdays?

I49

Should kids be allowed to have credit cards?

I45

What character, in a book you've read, would you like to be friends with?

I50

If you won an elephant as the prize of a contest you entered, how would your family react?

151

Who's your favorite author?

156

Do you like to work
in small or large groups
in school?

152

If you have a choice of reading
fiction or nonfiction books,
what would you read?

157

If you had a choice of riding
a bus to school or
getting a ride with a parent or friend,
which would it be?

153

Would you change the way kids
are graded in school?

158

Would you rather ride
a roller coaster
or a
ferris wheel?

154

Would you like to take a trip
to the International
Space Station?

159

What musical instrument
do you like best?

155

Make a list of extra-curricular
activities you do
during the week.

160

Why is it important to listen in class?

161

If you could become invisible, what would you do that you normally can't do?

166

Which would you rather have, power, wealth, fame or none of them?

162

If you could make a t.v commercial, what would you advertise?

167

How do you feel on the first day of school?

163

Why is it important to be honest?

168

Is it important for bicycle riders to wear helmets?

164

Is it important to save money?

169

Explain how to play your favorite game.

165

How would you make a new student feel comfortable?

170

What does the expression "the grass is always greener on the other side" mean?

171

Is it important to cooperate?
What's an example of
cooperation?

176

Describe two things you think are
beautiful.

172

What would you do if someone
bullied you?

177

What would you rather do,
ride a bike
or play a video game?

173

What's the best birthday present
you ever received?

178

What kind of award would you
like to be given?

174

If a friend told you he or she
was going to run away from home,
what would you do?

179

Name three rules you
have to follow at home.

175

What makes you sad?

180

What do you do to get exercise?

181

Would you rather go to the mall
or to a movie?

186

Would you rather climb
a mountain or scuba dive?

182

What time of day do you like to do
homework?

187

What's your favorite color?

183

Do you read the newspaper?
If so, what part or parts
do you read?

188

What's an eclipse?

184

Why is water important?

189

Who was the first
President of the United States?

185

Who fought in the U.S Civil War
and who won?

190

Name the three countries on the
North American continent.

191

What does the expression
"I have a frog in my throat" mean?

196

What does a plant need to survive?

192

What does the expression
"Money doesn't grow on trees"
mean?

197

If you could be a different height,
how tall would you be?

193

If you could add a room
to your home,
what would it be?

198

Why is it important to be polite?

194

Name an African country.
Write a fact about it.

199

Name a European country.
Write a fact about it.

195

Name an Asian country.
Write a fact about it.

200

Name a South American country.
Write a fact about it.

201

Who is the nicest person you know?

206

If you donated something of yours
to a worthy cause,
what would it be?

202

What's the most important thing
you could teach
a three year old?

207

Should the school day be
shorter or longer?

203

Should there be more P.E classes in
schools?

208

Have you ever ridden a horse?

204

Would you rather live in a desert
or in a rain forest?

209

Do you know how to swim?

205

If you were a teacher, what subject
would you like to teach?

210

Why is math important?

211

If a stranger offered you a ride,
what would you do?

216

What is a habitat?

212

On the average, how many
hours of sleep
do you get? Is it enough?

217

Is It important to save money?

213

Do you use a dictionary
to find definitions
of words you don't know?
Find a word in the dictionary
that you don't know
and write its definition.

218

What is a goal you set for yourself?
Have you achieved it?

214

Which animal is smarter?
A cat or a dog?

219

Who is Thomas Edison?

215

Is the Earth larger than the sun?

220

What color are your eyes?
Would you like them
to be a different color?

221

Who is the smartest person you know?

226

If you witnessed a crime would you notify the police?

222

Why is it important to recycle?

227

Why is the sun important?

223

Would you rather swim in a lake or in the ocean?

228

How do you make a pumpkin pie?

224

What is a hybrid car?

229

Make a list of the planets.

225

Why is it important not to talk with strangers on the Internet?

230

What's an endangered species?

231

What is the equator?
Where is it?

236

Where does water come from?

232

What are the parts of a plant?

237

Where is the Grand Canyon?
How was it made?

233

What would you do if
you were walking
down the street and
someone in front of you,
fell down?

238

What causes wind?

234

Who is Leonardo da Vinci?

239

What's the most important
scientific invention?

235

Is freedom important?

240

What good deed have you done for
someone?

241

How are clouds formed?

246

What is the
Declaration of Independence?
Why is it important?

242

Where are the Galapagos Islands
and why are they important?

247

What's heavier, a pound of flour or
a pound of feathers?

243

What's the scientific name for
your thigh bone?

248

How is petroleum formed?

244

What is gravity?

249

Would you rather have
three hundred pennies
or three dollars and fifty cents?

245

How much money would you have
to make yearly,
to live comfortably?

250

What is a coral reef?

251

What kind of car
would you like to own?

256

Who was Harriet Tubman?

252

What is a peninsula?

257

What is biology the study of?

253

What is a thermometer?

258

How is sleet formed?

254

Describe how to make a
peanut butter
and jelly sandwich.

259

Who was Abraham Lincoln?

255

Explain what you know about
the North Pole.

260

How do fish breathe?

261

What is your favorite bird?
Why do you like it?

266

What kind of business would you
like to own?

262

If you were homeless,
how would you survive?

267

Would you buy a dog or adopt
one from an animal shelter?

263

If a friend told you to
do something that was wrong,
would you do it?

268

What does the First Amendment
of the United States Constitution
protect?

264

Why shouldn't people text or talk
on cell phones when they're
driving? What should the penalty
be?

269

What is a tax? Name two things
that are taxed.

265

If you were given a million dollars,
what's the first thing you'd buy?

270

What causes an earthquake?
What is the first thing you would
do if an earthquake happened
in your neighborhood?

271

How long would it take to travel to the planet, Mars?

276

Name three Middle Eastern countries.

272

What is the Rosetta Stone and why is it important?

277

What country is also a continent?

273

Name three countries the Nile River flows through.

278

What large land mass is a continent but isn't a country?

274

Should kids respect their parents?

279

Should higher education be free? If so, who would pay for it?

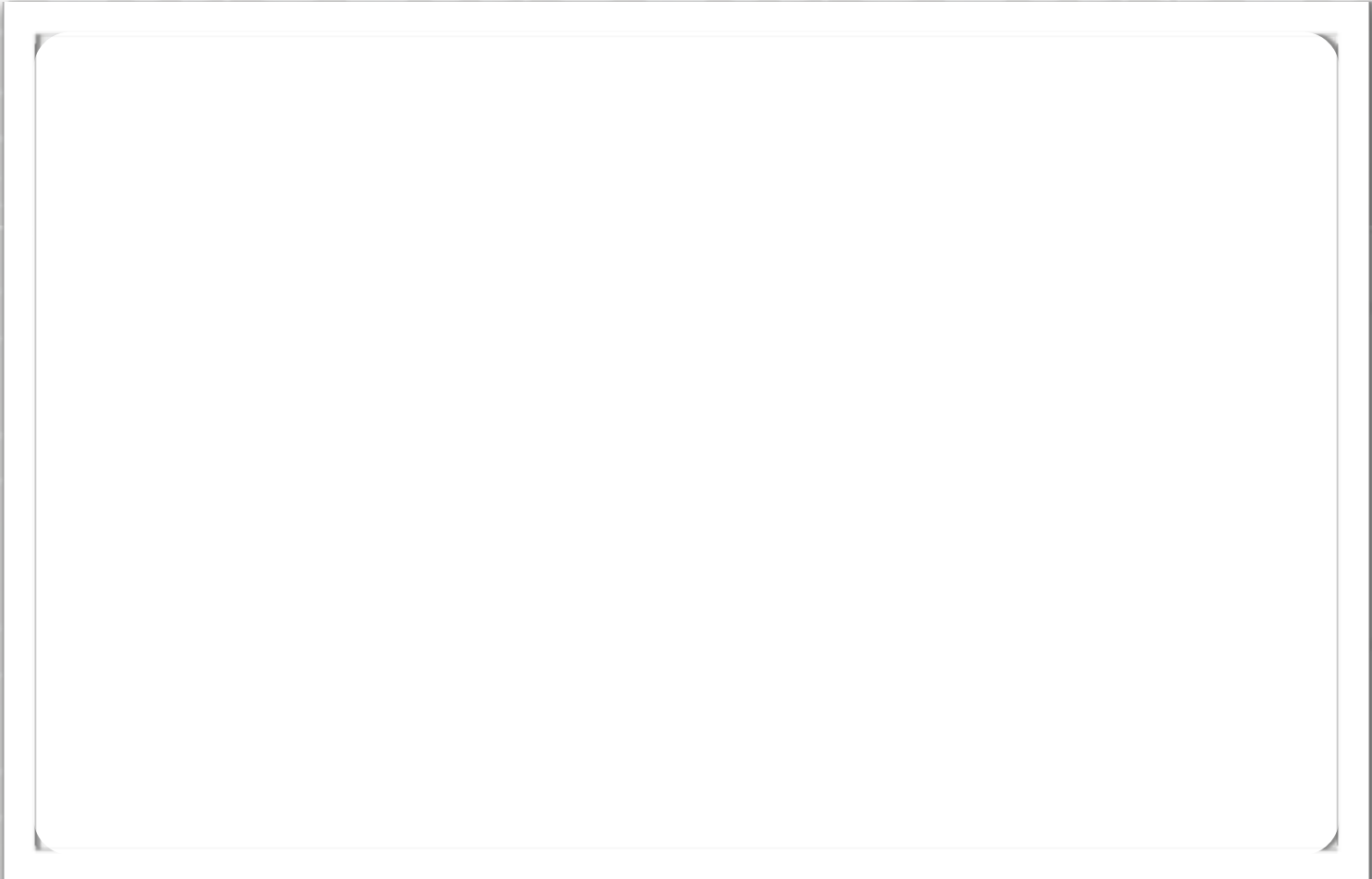
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What part of a newspaper do you read?

280

What is the most important problem facing the world, today?

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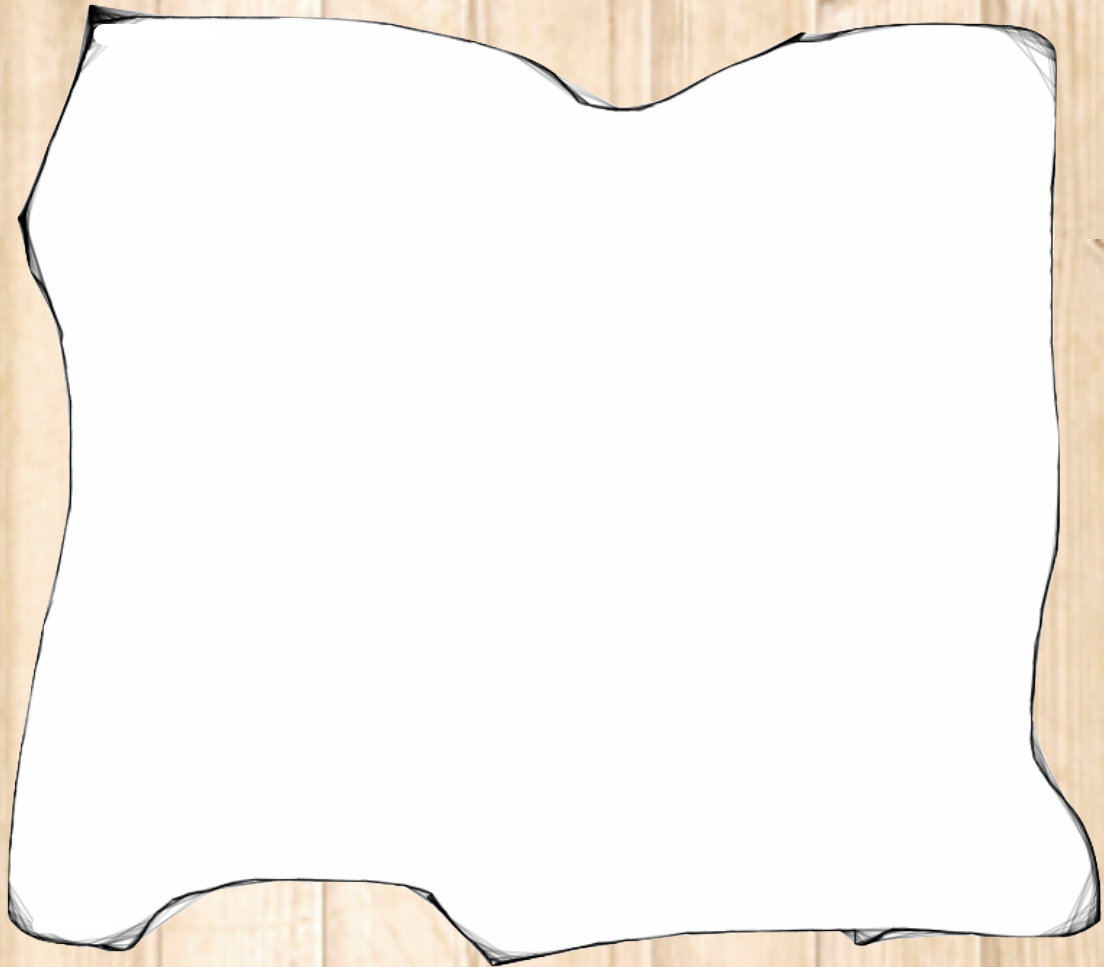
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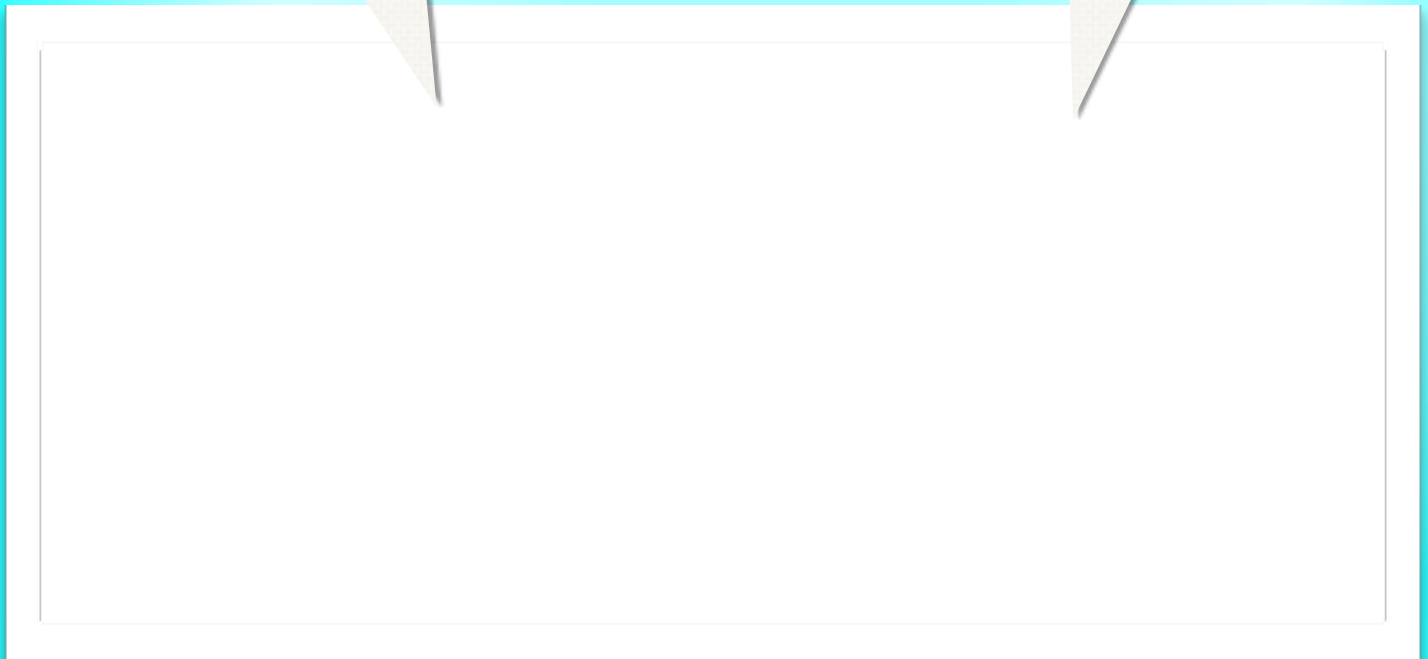
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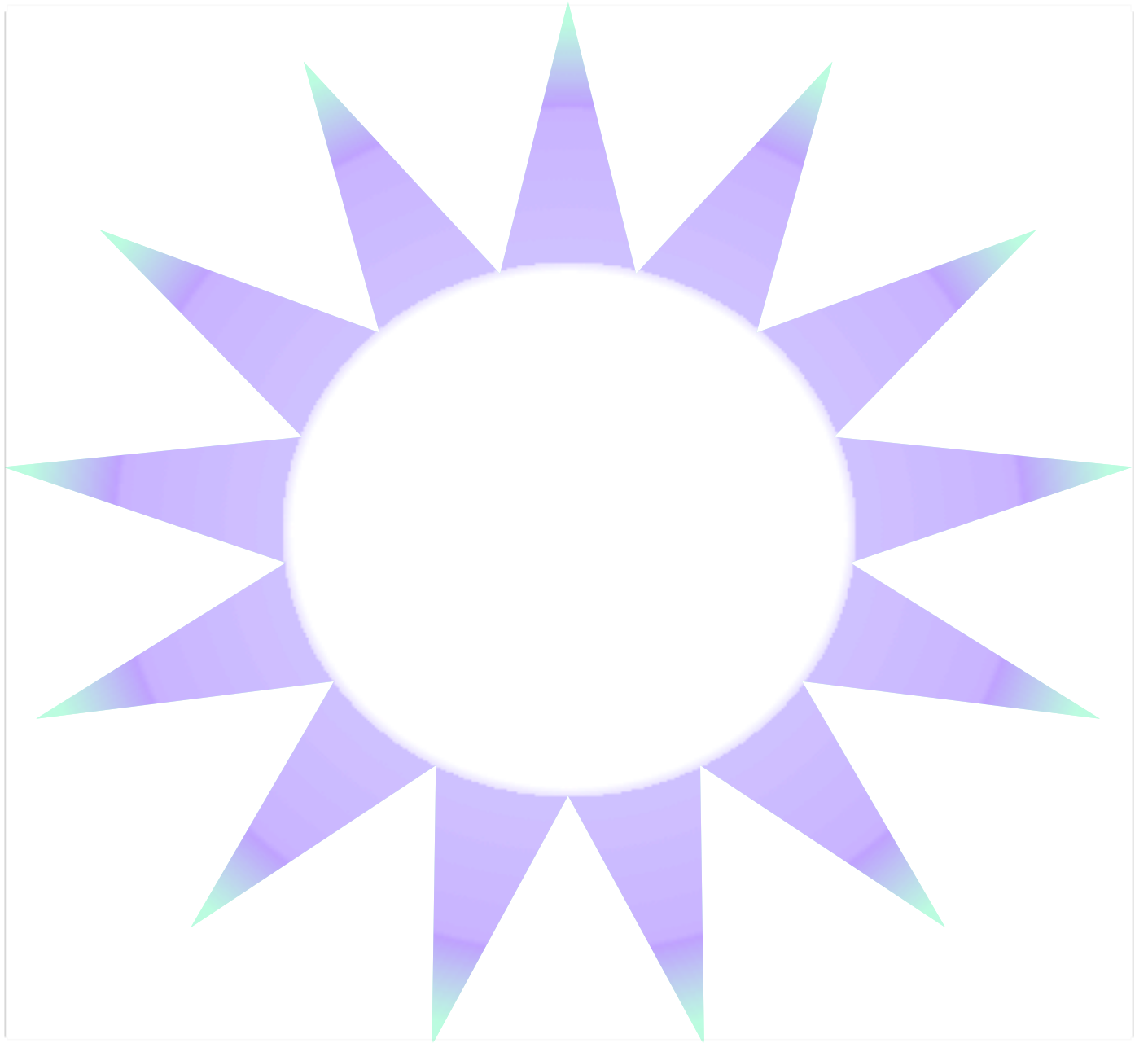
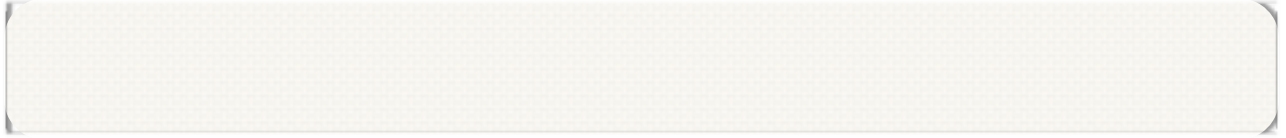
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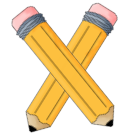
Journal Topic _____

Cut the cards. Distribute to students. Have them write suggestions for journal topics they'd like to add to the list. Set up a jar or container where they can put their suggestions. Take one suggestion out of the container each day. Share the topic and student's name who submitted it. Have them respond to their classmates' topics in their journals. Be certain their topics are appropriate before reading their prompts. Names should not be used to protect the privacy of others.



WRITING PROMPTS

Place a check next to each topic you responded to.



1	50	99	148	197	246
2	51	100	149	198	247
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49	98	147	196	245	

Circle the numbers of the prompts you like.

Select two of the prompts you like the best and explain why you like them.

PROMPT # _____

PROMPT # _____

Select one prompt and explain why you didn't like it.

PROMPT # _____

State your general opinion about the prompts.

"HOW TO USE" SUGGESTIONS

Print the cards on heavier stock paper for small group activities. With some activities you won't have to laminate them.

Explain that responses must be expanded. If the question is "Who is your hero?" they should describe **why** the person is a hero and write the qualities of a hero.

Recording sheet - Distribute to students to keep in their writing folders or journals. They place checks next to topics they complete.

Remind students that names of friends shouldn't be used in their prompts if they're to be read orally. This prevents hurt feelings. For example if a student responds to "who is your best friend" and he or she lists a name other than a friend is in that class, it may cause hurt feelings.

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups of four - Give groups four, four different prompts. Set a time limit of one or two minutes for them to respond orally to the prompts (one at a time). After a minute is up, they rotate the cards. After they've each responded to all cards, have them discuss their responses.

ORAL DISCUSSIONS

#1. Use prompts as a filler at the end of a class. You read a prompt, and volunteers respond orally.

#2. With the whole group have students pull cards, one at a time, from a "Prompt Jar" (large wide mouth jar) and read them to the class. Have volunteers respond to the prompt orally. Set a time limit for each response. Oral responding is helpful for students who have difficulty getting their responses on paper.

CENTERS

Keep a list of prompts at your writing center. It's a great year long activity. Explain that only one prompt should be responded to each day.

JOURNALS

Students paste cards (not laminated) in their daily journals and respond to them. Use as morning work or for formal writing lessons.

BRAINSTORM

#1 Students brainstorm for other topics they'd like to add to the list. Have them write their ideas on the blank cards provided, then put them in the "Prompt Jar." See page 28 for further instructions. Check them to make sure they're appropriate before other students draw them from the jar.

#2 Select a prompt and discuss the topic orally with the whole group, then have them write their responses. Have volunteers read them. Remind students that everyone has a right to his or her opinion as some of them are debate topics. This is a good way for students to get ideas from their classmates and learn about freedom of speech.

RECORDING SHEET

Student instructions are on the sheet. The right hand side column shouldn't be completed until a certain number of responses have been completed. It all depends on the number of prompts you'll do during the year.

ABOUT THE COVERS

Use these templates as packet covers if you would like to send the journal prompts home or if you'd like to display them.

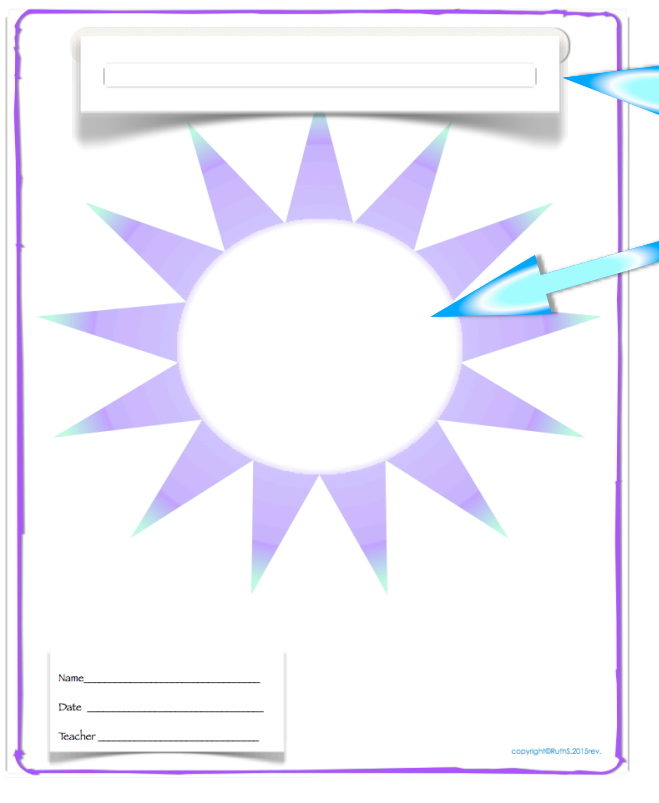
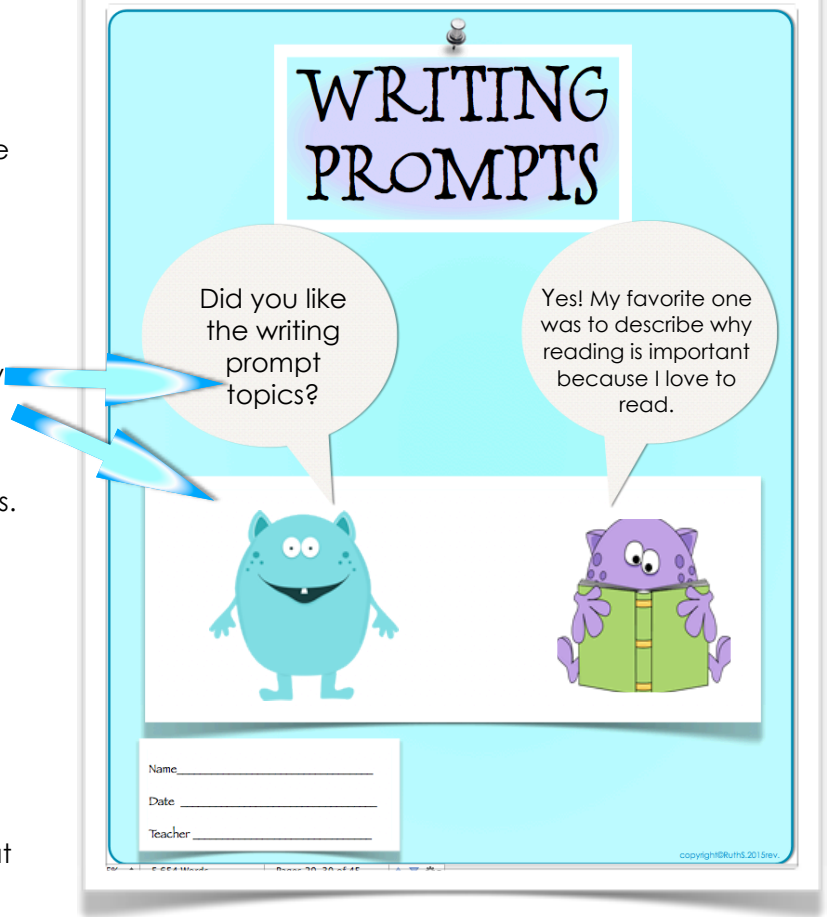
Students use their imaginations to draw pictures in the boxes and write a conversation about the prompts. They can select their favorite prompt and explain why they liked it.

They can also have a conversation to explain how their writing has improved or why they like the prompts.

Always tell students that art work isn't graded and it's their effort that counts. The pictures can be the whole character or just faces. Stick figures are definitely acceptable!

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In the top box of this cover, students should write "Writing Prompts."

The center of the star can have a statement about the prompts, or a picture depicting one of the prompts.

Wooden type covers not displayed, here - Students draw pictures of something that depicts a topic they liked.

The grayish cover with the large box can be used to create a small collage of a topic they liked. For instance, they can cut pictures of books from magazines and design a collage, if they liked the topic about reading.

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Be sure to sign on to Facebook before clicking on the link.

The following pages are highlights of some of my many free and priced resources. Click on the covers to read teachers' comments and complete details about them



NOVEL RESPONSE TASK CARDS

This is one of my **MOST** popular products and has been for several years! Teachers from all over the world are using my task cards!
 There are **120 reading strategy activities, five per card that can be used with any book or story.** The activities were designed for multi-levels and to promote critical, and creative thinking. Laminate the cards so they can be used year to year. Great for small, large groups, with guided reading groups, literature circles and at ELA centers. Use as informal assessments or as writing prompts.

Teacher Comments

- ~ The proof a resource is great, is when students ask if they will be using it the next day.
- ~ Great to use with a variety of novels, literature circles or student choice!
- ~ Activities are varied and allow for student choice which is a huge thing within my classroom!
- ~ Tons of fun ideas that will engage readers of all levels and abilities!



SCOOT GAMES – FUN !

Everything you and your students need to play Scoot! Grab an answer sheet and join in the fun as you and your students move from station to station to complete the activities! Use these games to determine who has attained mastery and who needs a review.

Read teachers' comments below each description!

[SCOOT FUN! ADJECTIVES - TeachersPayTeachers.com](http://TeachersPayTeachers.com)

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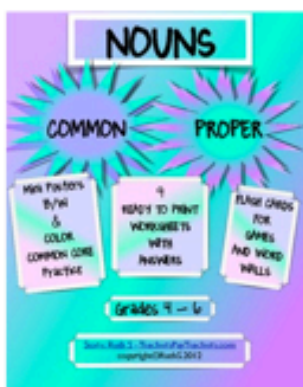
FANTASY ELEMENTS LITERATURE GUIDE

Students love fantasy novels! This 69 page ready to print packet **can be used with any fantasy story or book.** The activities provide your students with an in depth analysis of fantasy elements as well as a variety of different perspectives of writing and structure.

Included are fantasy posters that create a colorful display and teaching instructions.

Teachers' comments

- ~ Outstanding! Starting an interactive read aloud with fantasy soon. So many great things to choose from as we delve deep into the genre. Thank you!!!
- ~ Fabulous! The worksheets provide an exhaustive analysis of fantasy stories and many different perspectives on writing and structure!
- ~ Very detailed!!!! Love it!!!!



COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS PRACTICE FOR THE COMMON CORE

Do you have students who forget to capitalize proper nouns? These common and proper noun, ready to print worksheets, will help them remember how to identify them. Included are 64 common and proper noun cards that can be used to play games or for word walls. Several posters are in color and black/white. Students are also asked to find common and proper nouns in stories or articles they read.

Teachers' comments

- ~ Great grammar resource. So easy to use!!
- ~ Excited to use this!!
- ~ Lots of great things in this packet.
- ~ Wonderful...as always!
- ~ These were great activities for reviewing nouns.
- ~ Awesome! Thank you!



MANIAC MAGEE TASK CARDS

Activities include **thought provoking open ended and opinion questions, literal and inferential questions, art activities, themes, cartoons, bullying, comparisons, and much more.** These cards can be used during reading and after reading the book. Laminate and use year to year. **Can be used in small or large groups, as independent seat work, as journal prompts or at centers.** Templates are included for activities that require them.

There are twenty cards with 100 activities, 5 per card! The activities are aligned with Common Core Reading Literature Standards for grades 4, 5 and 6. Writing standards may also be applied.

Teacher comments

~ What a great resource to use where students can pick and choose what tasks they would like to complete. A great variety of tasks that will interest the students. Thank you!

~ The kids loved this! Worked great! :)

~ This product really helped me create a great unit on Maniac Magee.

You may also like...

[MANIAC MAGEE 32 Page Packet by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)



TRIFOLD BOOK REPORT

These book report trifold pages help you assess your students' understanding of reading comprehension strategies. Use with any book or story!

Included are: plot, setting, characters, connections (text to text, text to self, text to world, themes, conflict/resolution, cause/effect, rising/falling actions/climax, and three main events.

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Use the pages year to year with any fiction book or story. Students will be motivated to work for the extra bonus points that are offered! A note to parents is also included with all the instructions about the report and a slip to send back to you. Complete instructions are included.

Teacher Comments

~ Great!! Can't wait to use this. Thanks for making this, this is a time saver and it also allows students to be accountable for what they read and makes them prove they have read it.

~ This provided variety into my classroom to encourage the students to write

~ What a creative way to organize a book report! I love this! Thank you!



SIMILES METAPHORS AND MORE!

A perfect way to have your students learn about and use figurative language!

This packet of **ready to print student worksheets that can be used with any book or story**, is a perfect resource that can be used year to year to reinforce figurative language.

Each worksheet has an example and definition.

Included are worksheets for alliteration, similes, metaphors, oxymoron, personification, hyperbole and onomatopoeia. The sheets are also perfect for creating a flip book, lap book or to use as student reference guides.

Teacher Comments

~ Wonderful product for teaching figurative language! Thank you!

~ Very thorough! Thank you!

~ Can't wait to use this resource!

~ LOVE LOVE IT!! My students have had so much fun with this!

~ Love the fantastic visuals! I plan on putting them on a large piece on construction paper for my students to refer to and learn from :)



ADJECTIVE AND ADVERB GAME

Playing my adjectives and adverbs game is a fun way your students to review these parts of speech. Everything needed to play the game is included! Also included: colorful game board, game markers, game stickers to give the winners, word wall signs, how-to instructions and 160 adjective and adverb cards.

Teacher Comments

~ 4th graders always need help with adverbs!!

~ I love this fresh and fun method for the ongoing practice and maintenance of a skill that can get quite boring for students.

~ My 6th graders loved it! I plan to pull it out and use periodically for rest of the year for ongoing practice and repetition. Thanks!

~ Great for centres and independent work. Thanks!

~ Love this game as follow up to formal lessons on adjectives and adverbs.

You might also like

[Parts of Speech Posters Animal Theme by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)

NONFICTION FIND IT AND CHECK IT

Help your students become familiar with non fiction features as they read articles and text books. **A student check list is included that students can keep in their notebooks, as a tool to use when they're reading any nonfiction text.**

The ready to print worksheets include the following:
Nonfiction Student check it bookmarks
Nonfiction Find It and Check It poster
Nonfiction Find It and Check It Large Label
Nonfiction Find It and Check It Organizer
Nonfiction Animal Article with outline organizer
Artist page for student illustrations
Student friendly websites for the animal activities

The animal article is about the Giant Panda. Students must determine the topic, subtopics and details based on facts in the article.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Excellent resource! Very thorough! Thanks for sharing!
- ~ Great for assessing text feature comprehension.
- ~ I love this! Will be used this during my non-fiction unit. Love the book marks with non-fiction features!



BRIAN'S WINTER

Gary Paulsen's stories keep students on the edges of their seats!

Included in the packet are ready to print worksheets for plot, setting, characters, themes, letter writing, making connections, predictions, five senses, rising, falling actions, climax, figurative language, cause/effect, tic tac toe, bookmarks, response to text, drawing conclusions, inferences, story board, chapter trifold, interpretation of quotations, student created assessment, student contests, part of speech, conflict/resolution, posters, sequencing, verb tenses, capitalization, punctuation, summarizing, author biography, informational text activities with websites, student rate the book page and more...

Activities are designed to encourage student collaboration, discussion and interaction in small groups, in order to create the best possible responses.

Teacher Comments

- ~ I used this with my reading group and loved it! Great resource!
- ~ My students love this book and these activities support it perfectly :)
- ~ This was a fantastic resource to use with my Literature Circles. Thank you for taking the time to create it! :
- ~ This packets is awesome, especially since I'm starting the book Monday!



NONFICTION BINGO

Students **learn nonfiction text features as they have fun playing Bingo!** Included is a student reference sheet with nonfiction text feature terms and their definitions. This sheet is a valuable reference tool for students when they read or write nonfiction articles or text.

Run a weekly Bingo contest! Students who win the Bingo games put their Bingo coupons in the Bingo Jar and win prizes! Perfect for centers or small groups. Great for preparation and reinforcement of Common Core Informational text features. All instructions included!

Teacher Comments

- ~ Great job! I love all the products I've bought from you. I will have all 6th grade ELA next year, so I'm adding to my bag of tricks.
- ~ This is one of my favorite resources and the students love it! It has all text features and many ways for students to get a BINGO!
- ~ Wonderful! Kids enjoyed this! Used last year and looking forward to using it again this year. Thank you!!
- ~ Anything in the form of a game makes for such enjoyable learning (and teaching) can't wait to use this with my kids!
- ~ I played this with my strategy group. You gotta love it when you hear two kids say to each other, "That was fun!"

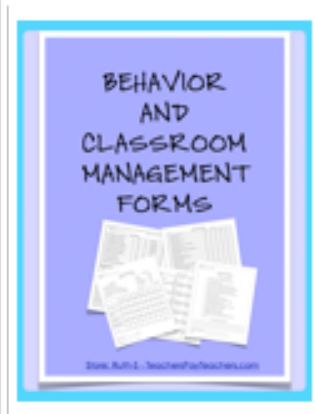


BEHAVIOR AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT FORMS

Looking for an easy way to keep track of students who don't follow school rules? These forms are best used in upper elementary, middle and high school. A student is required to complete the form that has a list of unacceptable behaviors, sign it and take it home to be signed by parents or guardians. There is an area that asks the student to describe how he or she might change the behavior. There is also a teacher form with descriptions of various avenues that were taken to remedy the problem such as dean or guidance counselor intervention, parent conference, parent and team intervention.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Great resource. I like that the sheet is simple and direct. I like your materials very much. Thanks!!
- ~ Great fast and on the go resource for behavior check!
- ~ Great product and easy to use!!! ;)
- ~ Thank you. I am a new teacher and these will be very helpful. Sometimes the student doesn't realize what they did so this way I can mark and then we can talk about it later.



You may also like

[Punch or Stamp Cards Class Management by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#) FREE



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

This handy chart of figurative language terms, is a great way to reinforce figurative language terms and definitions. Each term has a definition with an example. Have your students keep it as a reference during writing activities. Included are ready to print student worksheets, list of terms and a mini figurative language poster. Answers are included. Use the poster as a Bulletin Board topper, display at centers or use for a word wall.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Loved the resources especially the reference chart. My students were definitely experts at figurative language by the end of our study!
- ~ This is a nice product to pre/post test students and introduce them to the different types of figurative language. It is also a great way to get kids not only to identify, but use the different types of figurative language as well.
- ~ I plan to use these as we review for our standardized tests! Thanks for saving me so much time!



CHEETAH – INFORMATIONAL TEXT

I love writing informational/nonfiction text!

When I was the Connecticut state representative on the Weekly Reader National Teacher Advisory Board, for twelve years, we state representatives worked with the editorial, marketing and graphic art staff to help write and design social studies and science articles that were printed in the Weekly Reader student magazine. From that experience, I developed my own line of packets to encourage a love of "real life" reading for my students. These activities are aligned with the Common Core, however, because some states aren't using the Core, the standards aren't listed on each page.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Ruth, This type of passage work is just what the boy I tutor has been needing. I will be watching for more of your great materials when you get them written. Love them!
- ~ Excellent reading comprehension resource!
- ~ I really love this article. Great quality! Great for encouraging students to go back and PROVE their answers. I love that you included a spot to write the paragraph # where students found their answers. Thanks for this awesome freebie!



POETRY TASK CARDS

Do you have students who just don't like to write poetry? These 27 Poetry Task Cards can be used to create poetry packets, as center activities or to model different types of poetry. Each card has a definition, example and picture of a particular poem. Included are traditional types of poems such as couplets, cinquains, odes and more. Humorous and serious poems are included. These cards will even motivate those students who say they don't like poetry, to join in the fun! This is also a time to blend poetry with art. Have your students select the poems they would like to illustrate, then display them around the room. Suggestions are given of how to use these cards and how to develop a poetry packet that is a great family keepsake!

Teacher Comments

- ~ Used this during the month of April for National Poetry Month! We loved it. Will be using it again this year!
- ~ I used this as an independent task. My students loved the idea of working on task cards instead of being taught poetry all over again!
- ~ This saved me tons of time, and my students LOVED it! We made flip books of our poems, and it was something they loved to do!



HOOT

Hoot received the 2002 Newbery Honor Book Award and for good reason. Some endangered burrowing owls are threatened by construction at Mother Paulas All-American Pancake House where the owls are discovered. This is a timely environmental issue, perfect for students to discuss the ways they'd solve the problem. My ready to print student worksheet packets save teachers time! These self explanatory, student worksheets are designed to encourage students to become **actively engaged readers** through conversation and collaboration with their peers in small groups. **Analyzing text, as they build on each others' responses, and articulating their own ideas, help students become self directed learners.**

Teacher Comments

- ~ Your student worksheets are beautifully produced, with meaningful learning and teaching activities that will help the learners develop their skills and relate to the novel. Thank you so much!
- ~ Super accompaniment to novel.
- ~ Love this! It was exactly what I wanted!
- ~ Common-core aligned--love love love this unit!

You might also like

[Bridge to Terabithia Student Worksheets by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)

DESIGN – A – GAME BOOK REPORT



I created this book report a few years back, when I was my state's representative on Weekly Reader's 'National Teacher Advisory Board'. Since that time, I've had amazing reviews about it. Students, parents, administrators and teachers all love it! You won't hear moans and groans when you announce this book report because the first thing you do is hand out the "Congratulations! You've been Selected to be a Game Designer" slips to your students. That's when the fun begins! Have a Game Day so students can play each others' games. Invite other classes to join in the fun! Great for grades 4 and up. Middle and high school teachers are using this report with their students!

Teacher Comments

- ~ We are about to embark on this project. I've been keeping it a big 'secret' from my 110+ students . . . you know - anticipation. I'm anxious to introduce it this week. The plan is to have a huge game day when we are finished. I'm excited to see how it goes!
- ~ I hope my students are as excited about these games as I am-we begin them soon. What an easy way to differentiate instruction.
- ~ My seventh grade students loved this assignment. Their games were very creative and unique.
- ~ My fifth graders were so excited about this book report! They wanted to do it for every book they read!

LANGSTON HUGHES – DREAMS POEM

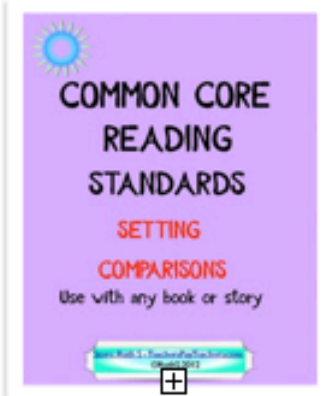


Langston Hughes poem DREAMS seems like a simple poem, yet it teaches wonderful lessons. Your students will relate to this poem as they discuss its meaning and connect their dreams and goals to the poem. Included are activities that motivate students to "follow their dreams" and to write dream poems. These are great activities for Black History Month and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Grades 5 and up.

Teacher Comments

- ~ I can't wait to use this with my gifted students. I am always looking for inspirational poetry to share during Black History month. Thanks for sharing this awesome resource!
- ~ What a beautiful resource for one of the most beautiful poems. Thank you!
- ~ Great resource! Can't believe it's free!
- ~ Thank you for this, I am getting ready to put together a MLK lesson plan and will use your recommendation of incorporating the activities. Thanks again!

COMMON CORE SETTING COMPARISONS



This packet of ready to print student worksheets for determining and **comparing settings** in stories, is aligned with Common Core RL.4.3 and RL.5.3 but can be used with any grade. There is a student friendly rubric and five excerpts from books that are used to determine the place and time of each story. **There are also five excerpts from books** on separate worksheets. Students read the excerpts and answer questions about place and time settings. They must determine if the settings of time and place are stated or not.

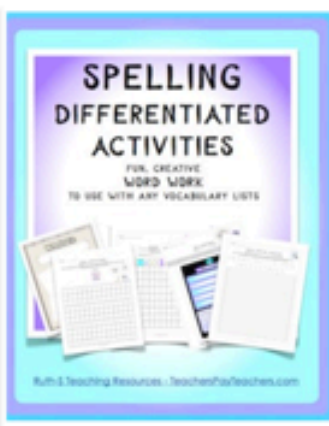
Teacher Comments

- ~ Excellent way for students to practice comparing and contrasting setting.
- ~ Great flexible resource for use with any story.
- ~ I loved how you used setting examples from stories. Thanks!!

You might also like

[Common Core Cause and Effect Student Worksheets by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)

SPELLING – DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES



Differentiated spelling activities instill a love of words, if presented in meaningful and sometimes, humorous ways. No more memorizing lists and lists of words. No more writing spelling words ten times each! My differentiated activities are self-explanatory. Each page has directions and examples to give students a feeling of independence. Teacher directed instructions may be needed for a couple of pages, but for the most part, they are stand alone activities. Some may be used as informal assessments to determine mastery or who requires reviews.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Fabulous resource to have at my fingertips. I have students with learning disabilities in my class who will enjoy the tasks very much. Thank you.
- ~ Lesson planning for Spelling is not my niche, so this is really proving to be helpful for weekly spelling assignments!
- ~ Very helpful and useful when working to individualize and add some variety to my spelling activities.
- ~ What a great variety of activities for my students to use to practice their spelling words!
- ~ I discovered this while searching for resources for teaching syllabication. You have provided many opportunities for authentically "teaching" spelling. Thank you.



EDUCATION POSTERS

Inspire your students to think about education and learning by displaying these 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch posters in your classroom, all year. A survey sheet is included that asks students' opinions about education and success. Biography sheets are included. The posters can be laminated and used for classroom displays. A perfect monthly writing activity. Students discuss the meanings of the quotations and write their interpretations.

Teacher Comments

- Amazing, over 30 quotes! I loved the clean look, too. Thank you so much.
- This is an amazing product. I'm going to feature it this Saturday as part of our Secondary Saturday.
- Amazing resource! I am so excited to use these quotations in my class, especially the final research projects:)
- Cool resource to share! I love quotes and can always use more! Thank you, Ruth!
- Just what I needed to help "perk up" our staff room. Thanks so much!

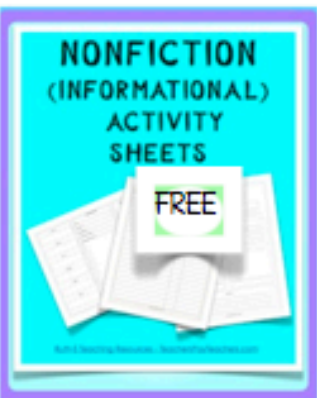


IDIOMS ARE FUN!

These idiom cards can be used for a variety of activities. A written activity requires students decide which sentences illustrate the idioms. Create a colorful display with pictures students draw of the literal meanings of them. Great for ESL students !

Teacher Comments

- One of my favorite skills to teach, just got better.
- Great product. The kids are using idioms even with each other.
- Used these as a "Pictionary" type game with my students-they loved it. Thank you!
- Perfect for my ESL learners!
- My students really enjoyed illustrating their idioms.

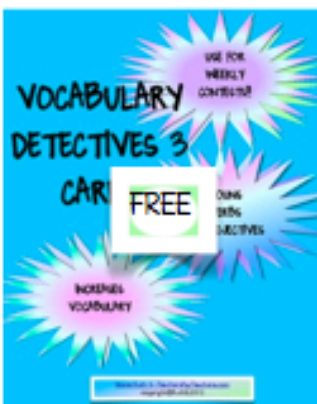


NONFICTION (INFORMATIONAL) ACTIVITY SHEETS

My non-fiction student worksheet template is best used with non-fiction books, autobiographies, biographies, articles and fact based texts. It's a great tool to help students become familiar with nonfiction text. The activities are aligned with the Common Core. Perfect for elementary, middle and high school students!

Teacher Comments

- This will be very helpful for 10th graders, when, they are researching informational text to write an informational essay, thank you!
- Great resource to help my students organize the information they gain from reading their text.
- Love this! Great to do when we read our National Geographic Explorer and talk about non-fiction text features in my resource class.
- What a wonderful way to hold students accountable for their reading. Thank you.
- FABULOUS! THANK YOU FOR SHARING.



VOCABULARY DETECTIVE 3 CARDS NOUNS, VERBS, ADJECTIVES

Another Vocabulary Detective task Card contest! Who doesn't love a contest? Run weekly contests using these noun, verb and adjective cards! Kids put their cards into the Detective Jar and can't wait for the drawings! Instructions are included. This is a valuable enrichment activity for word structure. FUN! Everything you need is included in this packet!

Teacher Comments

- What an awesome idea to keep kids accountable during independent reading! Thanks!!
- So much fun! My class loves these!
- I was looking for an end of the year vocabulary focus while my students are reading their individualized novel. This is perfect because I know how much my kids love surprise drawings.
- Super idea! My kids will love the competition and learn so much from their efforts! Thanks so much!
- Love, love, love this idea to engage students in learning the parts of speech in an exciting way. I love the depth of it - not just fluff! Thanks so much.

See more of my vocabulary task cards
Ruth.S.Teaching.Resources.com | [Teachers Pay Teachers](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/RuthS-Teaching-Resources)

BLOOM BALL REPORTS

Teacher Comments

~Interesting visual approach to Bloom's! It's a refreshing change from posters and cubes!! Students enjoyed the challenge of populating each side and then assembling and sharing their questions.

~Great project for higher level thinking!

~This will be the third year that my students will start the year making Bloom Ball bio poems. Thanks for a great resource!!

Creativity and higher level thinking walk hand in hand as your students create their Bloom Ball reports. This project is based on the latest verbiage of Bloom's Taxonomy that encourages higher level thinking. Your students will have fun as they work together to write, draw, cut and glue the edges of the circles together to create their colorful reports. Included are two template sizes and complete instructions. They make wonderful classroom displays and you'll be tempted to show them off all year long!



CLOSE READING – POLAR BEARS

This is the perfect informational text, no prep resource, to **connect English Language arts with social studies and science!**

My packet of high interest creative polar bear activities will motivate your most reluctant readers to join in the fun!

The article about polar bears' lives in the Arctic regions of Earth and how they survive, will inspire your students to research these beautiful animals on their own. The last paragraph poses a question and asks them to **draw conclusions** about the long term survival of the bears. What better way to motivate them to want to read **opposing points of view** on their own? Have your students write a conversation between a mother bear and her cub. Practice **writing dialogue** helps students to think inferentially. A template with a photo and dialogue bubbles are provided. Award winning websites are also included.

COLOR THE STATES

These fun **COLOR THE U.S. STATES** activities will help your students become more familiar with the **U.S. states' names, capitals, shapes and locations.** I created this 48 page packet a number of years ago because many of my students couldn't even recognize the shape of our state, let alone know what the capital is! It's amazing how diligently students work on the different activities in this packet. They color the states according to the directions. For example, all states that begin with the letter N, might be colored with purple polka dots. Display these colorful maps around your classroom.

I presented this original project at a regional conference for several years and it was a huge hit. I received notes from teachers from all over the Northeastern region, Canada and other countries, saying it was the best way to teach our fifty states.

Teacher comments

~ Beautiful, comprehensive, motivating activities. I can't wait to use!

~This was so much fun for my students and really got them interested in knowing where the states are. They enjoyed labeling the map and then coloring it according to the 'code', was the icing on the cake. Thanks!

~This was an **AMAZING** activity for my students! I used it when I had an observation from my principal and he loved it too! Such a great hands-on way to learn where the states are located!

**You might also like my States Report Travel Agent Edition!
Students role play as travel agents!**

[United States Reports - Travel Agent Edition by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)





JOURNAL PROMPTS

This is my huge THANK YOU to you, my followers and to all hard working, dedicated teachers, all over the world, who make a difference in their students' lives! My student friendly prompts packet, to date, has been downloaded over 130,000 times by teachers who need new ideas that will motivate their students to write! This packet has been updated and there are 270 prompts!

Watch your students' pencils fly across their papers as they respond to my prompts! Your reluctant writers will even join in the fun! My prompts can also be used as discussion starters or as one-a-day morning prompts. Read the many, many teacher comments below the product description. These prompts are being used with students in grades 4 and up! And yes! Middle and high school teachers use them too!

RUTH



NUMBER THE STARS

Ready to print student worksheets
71 pages

Detailed teaching instructions

BONUS! BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT WORLD WAR II
Informational World War II article with questions/answers.

Maps of Europe and Denmark with questions /answers

Aligned with the Common Core

Websites, a student check list and many more activities are included.

Teacher Comments

~ An excellent resource with a variety of informational activities. This was great for helping me integrate social studies and ELA into my classroom!

You might also like

[Al Capone Does My Shirts Student Worksheets by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)



MOVIE / VIDEO REVIEW

Do you want to keep your students focused as they watch movies in class? I created these movie review sheets for just that reason. There are student sheets for literature types of movies that require students look for certain story elements like plot, theme, setting, characters (antagonist, protagonist and other main characters), conflict/resolution. For fact based movies, like science, social studies and other nonfiction types of movies, they have to state facts and determine the point of view. A student evaluation form is included where they can rate the movie. The Artist Corner worksheet asks students to draw a picture, diagram, map or something that had an impact on them. Include these sheets in your sub folder so that your students are focused and stay on task.

Teacher Comments

~ Thanks for providing an easy-to-use resource to enable students to be held accountable for movie viewing. Some students need the extra accountability factor to stay focused and this provides that. I was able to print and copy. Easy breezy!

~ I love this. I usually have my students respond to a movie in some way, but this gives specific, concrete steps.

~ I use this all year long!



HOW TO SPELL PLURAL NOUNS

How many times have your students asked you how to spell plural nouns? Students often need hints and reminders of how to spell them.

This handy chart will help them remember the rules! Great for centers. Create a word wall! Worksheets and answers are included.

Teacher Comments

~ Plurals are always tricky! Love this!

~ Wow! You have great resources. Thanks a bunch!

~ Great for putting in the folders of my language groups!

~ YAY! Just what I was hoping to find today!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY – LEGEND OF IRISH LEPRECHAUNS – FUN ACTIVITIES

Fun! These St. Patrick's Day student worksheets and activities revolve around a one page story about the **Legend of Irish Leprechauns**. Students have fun determining how they'd catch a leprechaun and deciding what wishes they would want, if they were to catch one. Another worksheet is to fill in the blanks of the legend. A word bank is given. A mini lesson about context clues is also provided.

Titles of other worksheets include: I Caught a Leprechaun, Grammar Leprechauns, Leprechaun Wanted Poster, Making Little Words and one that has 5 W questions. Some of the worksheets have drawing activities. I've included many ways that I use these worksheets.

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[Ireland Mini Report for St. Patricks Day by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#) FREE



NORTH POLE HEADLINE NEWS

Doesn't it seem like creativity in the classroom, is on the back burner these days? I, for one, encourage my students to use their imaginations and create visuals in their minds, of what they read and write.

North Pole Headline News encourages creative writing and gives students an opportunity, not only to use their imaginations, but to be humorous as well. This packet is also perfect for students to learn how to write catchy newspaper headlines and articles. I've included areas on each newspaper page where they can sketch imaginative drawings of the articles.

A few examples of the headline news titles are:

SANTA LOSES CELL PHONE
 RUDOLPH'S NOSE TURNS BLUE
 SANTA BUYS AN IPAD
 ELVES INVENT NEW TOY
 SANTA'S BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE

Also included are my instructions about writing headline news articles, a table of contents, a headline news cover page with a box for an illustration.

TEACHER COMMENTS

- ~ We used these during writing centers during the holidays and my kids loved it!
- ~ My students are having a blast with this newspaper idea. Thanks Ruth!
- ~ My students loved this activity



THE FIVE KERNELS OF CORN – THANKSGIVING

"**Five Kernels of Corn**" is an unforgettable TRUE story about the hardships the Pilgrims endured when they first came to the New World. It's based on authentic accounts written at that time.

Five kernels of corn refers to "**The Starving Time**" when the conditions were so harsh, each person was only allowed to have five kernels of corn to eat per day. The two page story's paragraphs are numbered for easy reference. Fifteen comprehension and opinion questions are provided. Also included are two pages of vocabulary words that students must use context clues, to determine their meanings. There is a copy of the story for the teacher that has the vocabulary words highlighted for easy reference. Other activities include: a sheet for students to summarize the plot of the story, a Five W chart and a page for students to create thumbnail sketches of two important events that happened to the Pilgrims. Also included is a painting where students create a dialogue between a Pilgrim and Native Americans and much more! There are MANY teaching suggestions with pre-reading activities and questions to ask students.

TEACHER COMMENTS

- ~ Great resource for Thanksgiving! Love it!
- ~ My students LOVED this activity!



HALLOWEEN TASK CARDS

My Halloween task cards **reinforce important ELA skills** as you assess how well students organize their thoughts and ideas. Included are step- by- step instructions of how to write a Halloween story and how to plan a spooky Halloween party. An inferencing activity about a spooky city is included. Great for small group discussions! The activities motivate reluctant writers to join in the fun! Note-taking task cards for pre-writing activities include plot, characters, and settings. Other cards ask students to dress up their stories with spooky nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Halloween lined paper for the final copy of the story is included. How to Plan a Spooky Halloween Party is designed so each paragraph begins with transition words or phrases to help students write well developed stories. Open-ended activities dare your students to stretch their imaginations to finish each of the statements or story starter sentences. Illustration templates are provided for student pictures.

Teacher Comments

- ~ I used this last year and it was a hit. Looking forward to using it again!
- ~ My students really enjoyed this!
- ~ Planning to use these for centers next week. The kiddos will love them!



FACTS AND OPINIONS

Students often have difficulty distinguishing between fact and opinion. These worksheets help them understand the differences. There are a variety of activities for a wide range of learners. Answers are included.

Teacher Comments

- This is always tricky for students. This resource helped. Thank you.
- This is a great pack. It made our planning so much easier.
- I cannot wait to use these activities with my, largely, ELA class. Thank you for creating them.
- Great resource, looking forward to trying some of your other packs! Thanks for sharing!

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PHONICS DETECTIVE CARDS 1 – LONG VOWEL SOUNDS

Kids love contests! With the great response I've had about my six Vocabulary Detective Contests, I decided to create Phonics contests. This is my first Phonics packet and are contests for long vowel sounds, including Y when it has a vowel sound.

The contests increase your students' phoneme awareness as they have fun finding words with long vowel sounds while reading books in class. They fill in the words they find on the coupons, then put them in the Phonics Detective jar and eagerly wait for the drawing at the end of the week!

These contests can be used for younger children just becoming familiar with vowel sounds or with older children who need reinforcement and review. We all know that in order to be a good reader, one needs to know how to decode words, thus these contests can be used by you, as informal assessments.

You might also like

[Phonics Detective Task Cards 2 Short Vowel Sounds by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)



FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS TASK CARDS

These task cards are a perfect way to determine if your students have mastered foundational skills. You'll be amazed when you find that students in grades 4 and 5 often need a review of these important skills. This can happen if the skills aren't reviewed year to year. There are 24 cards

Teacher Comments

- I love the way these cards are organized. It will be very helpful to know which, if any, of these very basic skills need more attention for the kids to be successful this year. Thank you so much!
- Great as a pre-assessment or as a post!
- I love using task cards and these will help my students review and show what they know!
- Great resources to add to my literacy instruction.
- Great source for independent student work.
- Thanks-I'd forgotten I purchased these, but they will be perfect for my intervention group. Glad I stopped by to leave feedback.



COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS GAME

Kids love games! This common and proper nouns game is a fun way for your students to review nouns. Included in the packet are: a colorful game board, game markers, game stickers given to winners, complete "how to" instructions, word Wall signs, 140 common and proper cards, suggestions for other ways to use the cards.

Print on heavier stock paper and laminate the board and cards for future use.

Teacher Comments

- Excellent!
- Great center game!
- Love it!
- Great! Thank you!

AUTUMN / FALL WRITING PAPER

I designed these autumn writing pages with poetry and fall foliage stories in mind. Included in the packet are 21 lined pages on which students can write stories and poems after viewing websites that are included.

As a Native New Englander, there's always a heightened sense of excitement as summer wanes and the signs of autumn begin to appear. There's nothing grander than seeing sugar maples dressed in their finest, brilliant red and orange foliage as the temperatures dip and Mother Nature paints her forests. I love adding student art work to resources I create, so there are four pages where they either draw a picture or color images. I've reduced opacity of a few images so students can write their stories or poems over them.

Teaching suggestions are included and websites will walk your students through color splashed woods, past old barns and covered bridges to witness Mother Nature at her best.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Beautiful resource! Thank you!
- ~ These were wonderful pages to use to publish my students' writing. Thank you!

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[Autumn ELA Student Worksheets and Art Activities by Ruth S. | Teachers Pay Teachers](#)



YOU DECIDE – ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION OR THE CONSTITUTION

Why were the Articles of Confederation written and why was this document replaced by the U.S. Constitution? The activities in my packet provide a variety of differentiated activities that encourage debates, discussions and research on the Web. Included in this packet are KWLH charts for both documents, PRO/CON cards for both documents, a complete, partially completed and blank chart for comparisons of the two documents. There are a variety of cards and suggestions of how to use them as class activities or games. Many websites are included for different ability levels. MANY websites for reference are provided as well as teaching suggestions and answers for worksheets.

Teacher Comments

- ~ Wonderful
- ~ Great for SOL review!
- ~ Love it...going to use right after break!
- ~ Great resource!
- ~ Lots of great activities!



SHILOH

READY TO PRINT
Student Worksheets!



SHILOH

My Shiloh literature guide can be used with guided reading groups, literature circles, or as independent seat work. They can also be used as assessments or homework. Activities encourage students to brainstorm and collaborate in small groups in order to determine the best answers.

Teacher Comments

- ~ This is AMAZING!!!! I have been reading the Shiloh trilogy in my classroom for years! This is the BEST set of worksheets I have EVER seen! Thank you, thank you! ~ ~ Love this!
- ~ Great Resource. Thank you!
- ~ Thanks for helping me out with my Shiloh unit.
- ~ Kids loved it.
- ~ This was amazing and so helpful! Thank you!

THE FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS

Get your students excited about the First Ten Amendments of the Constitution as they read situations they relate to. This packet includes a chart of the first ten amendments and worksheets that ask them to decide which situations apply to the amendments using the chart. Great for debates and discussions in small or large groups. Students also have to think of other situations that might violate the Bill of Rights. Answers are included.

Teacher Comments

- ~ I love the real world applications. It will get kids thinking, which is a greater goal than just learning the content.
- ~ Wow, thank you so much for providing this resource! This should be a great activity for my 12th grade American Government students to do in order to help them review for their Bill of Rights quiz.
- ~ My 5th grade students loved this activity, and are really starting to understand the Bill of Rights now. Thanks!!
- ~ Thanks so much for sharing this! It is a great way for students to use higher level thinking to analyze the Bill of Rights.
- ~ Just what I needed. My students really enjoyed this!~ This was amazing and so helpful! Thank you!



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~ Nelson Mandela