



Writing Prompts Illustrative

1. If life had a reset button, what would you change, and why?
2. Think of someone who has an upcoming graduation, birthday, or other special event. Write an essay expressing what you admire or wish for this person's future. Use examples and be specific.
3. What would your friends or family say would be your perfect career? Are they correct? Why or why not?
4. Think about the best advice you've ever received. Why did the person give you advice? How did it benefit you? Use examples to explain.
5. Imagine you have been promoted to the head of a large toy company. What new toy should the company start making? Why? Give details to support your points.
6. Select a part of the world where you've never been but wanted to visit. Why do you want to go there? Provide details about the place (weather, culture, food, sights, etc.) and why you want to visit.
7. Recall the happiest event from your childhood thus far. Why was it so happy? Use examples to explain what made that day so special.
8. Imagine you are giving advice to a student who is just starting first grade. Think about your experience in first grade and the grades after. Based on your experiences, what advice would you give him or her? Why?
9. Select a day that is either important to you or important in history. Why is the day important? Include reasons why, and how that day is celebrated.
10. Think of a time when you learned a hard life lesson. What happened? Why was the lesson important to learn?
11. Who is the person you have admired most in your life? Why do you admire him or her? Give examples to explain your reasoning.
12. Think about your best friend. Why is he/she your best friend? Give details that explain why the two of you are friends and the qualities you like about him/her.
13. You have been crowned king or queen of the forest. What would be your most important duties as ruler of the forest? Use details to describe the duties and why they are important to the health and happiness of the forest.
14. Imagine you have won a shopping spree to your favorite store. What would you buy, and why?
15. You are an artist. Imagine you have been selected to paint a picture of the most beautiful sight in the world. What do you paint? Give details that describe why you selected the subject, and what you will paint.
16. You have won a contest to star in any show on TV. Which one do you choose? Explain why you made your choice, giving details about what you like about the show.



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17. Imagine that all of the world's leaders have allowed you to be in charge of the world for 24 hours. What orders would you give? Why? What impact would your orders have on the world?
18. A storm has knocked out the electricity in your house. What activities will you choose to keep busy? Why did you select the activities?
19. If you could spend an entire day with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be? Why did you pick that person? What would you learn from the experience?
20. If you could be reborn during any time and place in history, what would you select? Provide reasons why you chose that time and place.
21. You have won a trip to sail around the world. Who would you take with you? Explain why you've chosen your co-sailors.
22. Imagine that you were once President of the United States, but have now served your term and retired. What was your biggest accomplishment? List the reasons your accomplishment was important.