

## Things I Can Write About

Here is a list of some possible topics, starting lines, or prompts for writing. If you can't think of something to write about after looking over this list, you're not trying very hard

1. A favorite time of year
2. A place from your past
3. Your concept of luxury
4. Describe or tell something about a family member
5. Compare your expectations of something with reality (I thought that...But really...)
6. Extended definition: What is a "slob" or a "hero" or whatever? Develop your own personal definition with examples, not the dictionary
7. Describe your typical ride home in an entertaining way
8. There is nothing worse than...
9. Analyze and evaluate yourself as a student in this class. Note strengths, weaknesses, areas of improvement
10. The most comfortable place I know
11. The problem \_\_\_\_\_ is....
12. Compare and contrast the personalities of two of your friends or teachers or family members
13. The place I would most like to be right now is...
14. The happiest time of your life was when....
15. I feel the most inadequate or incompetent when...
16. How do you feel about competition (sports, school, friends, siblings, etc)
17. What do you think will be the most important thing you will ever do?
18. I know better now.
19. If my \_\_\_\_\_ could talk...
20. Write about an incident involving shyness.
21. Write about an incident involving kindness.
22. Write about an incident involving courage.
23. Write about an incident involving selfishness.
24. Write about an incident involving boastfulness.
25. I'll never forget...
26. The new me...
27. Ten years from today...
28. How I could spend money
29. I took the blame.
30. I used to be afraid of...
31. Why does it always have to be me?
32. My first day at \_\_\_\_\_
33. Talk about buying clothes
34. Places I have lived
35. I cooked the dinner...
36. Why was I so jealous
37. When I am older
38. Tell about an experience in the outdoors
39. Tell about a dream that came true.
40. \_\_\_\_\_ used to be my hero
41. If I had my way...
42. My jobs at home.
43. My plans for the summer
44. Money of my own.
45. Describe the longest hour of the day
46. Describe your holiday dinner table
47. Describe a day at the mall
48. Describe your dream room
49. Describe a day at the beach

50. Everything went wrong...
51. No one believed me...
52. A thoughtless act
53. The surprise.
54. A strange meeting
55. The unexpected guest
56. Describe a practical joke that someone played
57. The accident
58. Describe an experience you'd like to forget
59. I'll never hear the end of it.
60. I was all alone...
61. I had to be strong that day
62. The narrow escape
63. My favorite subject
64. I'd like to complain..
65. Our next-door neighbor
66. The qualities of a good teacher
67. The qualities of a good parent
68. The qualities of a good student
69. Daydreaming
70. If I had to do all over again
71. Pets are like people
72. Kill the umpire/referee
73. Dating is...
74. Favorite day
75. Cooking is an art
76. A visit to the dentist
77. I'll never forget the look on his/her face.
78. A favorite day as a child
79. The place (other than your house) where you feel most at home
80. Twenty things that make you feel good.
81. The perfect day (make it a "possible" day, not a dream day)
82. The dream day (couldn't really happen, but would be nice)
83. The person from history you would most like to meet and talk to. What would you ask him/her?  
What would you say to him/her
84. The person alive today you would most like to meet and talk to. What would you ask him/her? What  
would you say to him/her
85. The fictional character you would most like to meet and talk to. What would you ask him/her? What  
would you say to him/her
86. I've changed. Three words that describe you as a child, and three words that describe you now (with  
explanations, of course).
87. If I could change one thing about myself..
88. Describe an animal that identify with and tell why.
89. What makes you mad?
90. Write about something you had to work long and hard for
91. Your favorite kind of weather
92. Describe a time when you were really frightened
93. Write about what you didn't do this weekend
94. Time travel
95. There ought to be a law....
96. The most annoying commercial
97. Your most vivid memory
98. Current fashion you like or don't like
99. If I were one inch tall... or if I were invisible....
100. If you could do something you've never done before, what would it be?

101. What thing have you done in your life that you are the proudest of?
102. Write about a good habit that you have and its positive effect in your life.
103. Write about something you would like to change about yourself.
104. Write about your hobby
105. If you could go somewhere you've never been, where would you go?
106. If you had the power to talk to an animal
107. Did you ever have to stick up for someone?
108. The bully
109. A baby sitting experience
110. A favorite childhood game
111. An enemy who became a friend
112. Cheating in school
113. My cousin (or cousins)
114. Being in front of an audience
115. A difficult decision
116. A disappointment
117. A minor thing that turned out to be a big deal
118. Winning (or losing) a \_\_\_\_\_
119. Something you desperately wanted
120. Seeing a ghost
121. The best a ghost
122. Someone who has everything
123. Did you mom or dad ever make you wear something you hated?
124. The earliest you've ever gotten up in the morning (or the latest you've stayed up)
125. Write about a time you were talked into something that you've regretted
126. Did you ever ride in a helicopter?
127. Did you ever ride in a limousine?
128. Did you ever ride in a hot air balloon?
129. Have you ever gone bungee jumping?
130. Did you ever forget something really important?
131. Write about an experience in a hospital
132. Were you ever accused of something you didn't do?
133. The vacation or trip that turned to a disaster
134. Were you ever in a (fire, flood, tornado, or hurricane?)
135. The best concert you've ever attended
136. A friend that was a lot older or younger than you
137. Making friends with a wild animal
138. Did you ever save someone from getting hurt?
139. A time you tried to help but only made things worse
140. Breaking a promise
141. Moving to another city
142. Neighborhood games, night games, or outdoor games
143. Picking apples, cherries, berries, or other fruits or vegetables
144. Meeting a famous person
145. Being a misfit
146. A car or bicycle accident you were in
147. A time you were in another country
148. A terrifying nightmare
149. Getting glasses or braces
150. Being friends with your brother or sister
151. A time you tried to be something you really weren't
152. Something you've lost
153. Wearing high heels or a suit or necktie (or something grown up)
154. Seeing the ocean or the mountains or snow for the first time
155. Breaking a bone

156. Going back to school after summer vacation
157. A time your parents embarrassed you
158. A favorite restaurant
159. Going on a long trip without your family
160. What's your favorite number
161. A time when you gave someone good advice (or bad advice)
162. The best time you've ever had
163. The funniest thing that has ever happened
164. A favorite thing to do in elementary school
165. A favorite thing to do in elementary school
166. Something you disliked doing as a preschooler
167. Something you disliked doing when you were in elementary school
168. What troubles you?
169. An experience in your life that has made you sad
170. Who did you look up to as a preschooler aged child?
171. Who did you look up to as an elementary aged child?
172. Who do you look up to now?
173. A time when you had to had to hide your real feelings or emotions
174. A personal problem you have faced
175. Someone who mad you feel inferior (or tried to make you feel inferior)?
176. Someone who made you feel important (or tried to make you feel important?)
177. A time you felt ashamed
178. The real basis for liking to be with someone or disliking being with someone?
179. Holding or standing up for a belief or opinion that went against the crowd.
180. Defending yourself from someone else's accusation.
181. Trying to find out about something that was "none of your business"
182. A list of the world's "greatest feelings."
183. The most useful invention ever created is the \_\_\_\_\_.
184. The invention you could no live without.
185. All the things you like about yourself.
186. The ten things you like to eat and why.
187. The five places you like to visit (or would like to visit).
188. Five things you do after school.
189. Describe the clothes you are wearing and why you put them on.
190. Look in the crystal ball and describe ten to fifteen years in the future.
191. Three wishes
192. Okay, you're a grownup now. What advice would you give your own kids about middles school or high school.
193. Write a letter to yourself to be sealed no and then opened ten years from now. What would you like to be remembered then.\
194. Imagine a story in which someone took a vow to tell the absolute truth all day regardless of circumstances.
195. Write a will.
196. If I won a million dollars...
197. My name, how or why it was chosen, and/or what it means
198. I am the one who...
199. First grade memories
200. There should be a holiday (or a celebration) for...
201. Sunshine makes me feel...
202. My shoe...
203. Well, Doctor, it's like this...
204. How it feels to lose/win
205. It makes me blush when...
206. What my mom must have been like as a little girl (or when she was my age). Or what my dad must have been like....

207. What you should know about me
208. When I get out of high school...
209. My talent (or talents)
210. A favorite book
211. Someone ought to write a book about...
212. What confuses me about \_\_\_\_\_.
213. I wish I had been there when...
214. What my best friend and I have in common
215. Something people don't usually notice about me is...
216. My life as a pencil
217. How to dribble a basketball (or any other maneuver, move or skill in any sport)
218. How to do a somersault
219. How to drink with a straw
220. How to snap your fingers
221. How to jump rope
222. How to make a paper airplane (hot to ... whatever)
223. Brainstorm a list of ten to twenty words that are related to or describe heat. Write a story about a particular place in the summer and use all of the words.
224. Sports that you enjoy and why (as spectator and/or participant)
225. Sports that you don't enjoy and why (as spectator and/or participant)
226. TV shows you like
227. TV shows you don't like
228. Things you like, but have never owned
229. Things you would never own and never want
230. Foods you like to eat
231. Foods you strongly dislike
232. Smells you like and/or dislike
233. Restaurants you like and/or dislike
234. Things that come in pairs
235. A friend I never get to see
236. The sad baby
237. A typical day in the school cafeteria (or commons, or main hall, or courtyard, etc)
238. Things to do when you are bored
239. My biggest gripe
240. Dinnertime at your house
241. What is the ideal age to be (and why)?
242. If could be someone else for a day...
243. Household chores
244. The best place to get pizza in Lindon/Orem
245. It isn't fair...
246. Games you can play with three people
247. A time I was overconfident
248. A time I felt like I was swimming upstream
249. A time when I didn't know what to do
250. Christmas away from home

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