

Fifth Grade Writing Prompts and Schedule

Writing Prompt #1: You would like to be an astronaut on the first mission to an unexplored planet or a new galaxy. Write a letter to N.A.S.A. persuading them why you are the best candidate for the mission.* (Students may use supplementary materials, such as textbooks, handouts, or class notes, as reference while writing.)
(persuasive)

Administered: October

Writing Prompt #2: The president wants to visit your city in either July or January. Which month do you think would be a better time for a visit? Write a letter to the president explaining what the weather will be like in both of those months, and persuade him to come in the month of your choice. (persuasive)

Administered: November

Writing Prompt #3: Imagine that you are participating in an expedition exploring the western territory beyond the Mississippi River. Write a journal entry about a typical day on your journey. Were you a porter, scout, or leader? What did you carry? What did you eat? What did you see and who did you meet along the way? Try to be as specific as possible and include descriptions of the various mountains and rivers you crossed. (Students may use supplementary materials, such as textbooks, handouts, or class notes, as reference while writing.)
(expository)

Administered: December and January

Writing Prompt #4: Write an essay to explain ways in which the weather has some direct effect on your life. (Students may use supplementary materials, such as textbooks, handouts, or class notes, as reference while writing.)
(expository)

Administered: February

Writing Prompt #5: Imagine that you were out for a walk and came across an animal that could talk to you. Write the conversation you and that animal would have. Remember, the animal would be as interested in you and you would be in it. (narrative)

Administered: March

Writing Prompt #6: If you could travel to any place in the world, where would you go? Who would you like to bring along with you. In a passage, give at least four reasons why you would like to visit this place and what you would expect to do there. A little research on this place via some library books or the Internet will help. (expository)

Administered: April

Writing Prompt #7: Every day you pass a door. It is always closed and locked. One day, as you pass, you notice that the door is open. You step inside. Write a story about what was on the other side of that door. (narrative)

Administered: May