

Table Choices:

As a group, pick just one topic and together fill out a writing plan for opinion/ argument. You may argue the opposite side of any listed opinion.

Consistent rewards (such as ice cream) would cause more students to have perfect attendance.

School trips are a waste of classroom time.

PE should be taught outside.

Our school needs a recycling program.

We need more variety in school lunches.

Middle school students need more school-sponsored social events.

Many non-core classes need to be abolished in middle and/or high school.

Men (or women) are better drivers.

Today's students are tested too much.

Joining the military is an excellent option for undecided high school students.

Complete a SPAT organizer on the following writing prompts.

Your class has a field trip coming up. Where would you most like for the class to go? Write a letter to your teacher, explaining your choice and the reasons behind it.

Your school newspaper is sponsoring a "Favorite Teacher" contest. The winner will be selected based on the readers' votes. To enter your favorite teacher in this contest, you must give reasons for your choice. Write an article for the school newspaper to explain to readers why they should vote for the teacher you chose to win the contest. Be sure to include details.

Suppose that you woke up one morning to find that you have turned into an animal. Think about what animal you might have become. Describe what happens to you throughout this day. Be sure to include descriptions of the setting.

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Date _____

Sample On Demand Writing Prompts

Directions: Use the WWF organizer to analyze each prompt.

1	Bowling is a fun activity that has been enjoyed by children of all ages. The city council is considering closing our town bowling alley due to financial concerns. Children in the community are very upset. Write a letter to the city council offering your opinion on how to keep the bowling alley open.	S P A T
2	Your teachers have been overloading you with homework recently. Due to students' many activities outside of school, you feel that the SBDM council should address the homework policy. Write a letter to the SBDM council telling why students should not be overloaded with homework.	S P A T
3	Due to a nationwide effort to reduce childhood obesity, state officials are requiring school cafeterias to make changes to their food choices, such as no longer serving potato smiles and French fries. Write a report about the effect of these changes on kids. Include in your report examples of research that has been completed about this topic.	
4	Your class has just returned from a field trip to Mammoth Cave. Write a story about a surprising creature that you found there and the adventures that it has.	
5	Lunchroom manners have become a huge problem in the new cafeteria. Students have received more behavior marks than ever before due to poor manners. Write an article for your school newspaper explaining some proper lunchroom manners. Encourage students to follow these appropriate manners whenever eating in the cafeteria.	
6	The PTO is trying to raise money for new playground equipment. Your principal is looking for some new fundraising ideas to help with this project. Write an email to the principal explaining any ideas you have about fundraising and how you can make these ideas work.	
7	The school board is debating on whether or not students should be required to wear uniforms next year. The uniforms will be navy or khaki skirts and pants, and white shirts. Write a letter to your superintendent telling what you think of this idea.	

8	The 5 th grade at your school has just finished a unit on protecting the environment. You have decided to start a recycling center at your school. Write an essay on the benefits of recycling for the other students in your school.	
9	Your class has just returned from a field trip to the State Capitol to gain first hand knowledge about how the government works. Write a letter to your legislator thanking them for all they do for the people of your state.	
10	March is severe weather awareness month. It is a time when tornadoes occur in Kentucky and we need to be prepared. Write a report about how the people of our state should prepare for this type of situation.	
11	Most people have a fear of something, the dark, snakes, clowns, etc. Write a narrative about a fear that you have or had and how you overcame that fear.	
12	The local fire department has visited your school with tips for you to follow in case a fire breaks out in your home. They want all students to learn the importance of "Stop, Drop, & Roll" Write an article for the school newspaper in which you inform the students of your school what this phrase means. Also include reasons why you think this is an important safety tip for all children to know.	
13	The local pet store is giving you a free puppy because your name was drawn in a prize contest. The only thing you have to do is prove that you know how to care for the puppy. Write a letter to the pet store owner. Include responsibilities that pet owners must have in order to properly care for a puppy.	
14	Your cousin is moving to town next month and will be attending your school. He is curious about your school and little nervous. Write an email to your cousin telling him about your school so that he will look forward to moving.	
15	Our playground is constantly littered with trash. This has become an eyesore for the school and our community. Write a letter to the students in your school. Convince them that the litter on the playground is a health and safety issue for the students. Include in your letter suggestions for correcting this problem.	

16	<p>At the end of the year the students at Briarwood will be taking the K-PREP test. Special preparations need to be taken before and during the test. (amount of sleep, nutritious breakfast, encouragement at home and school, etc) Write a letter to your parents informing them of the things you need to do in order to be prepared for the K-PREP test.</p>	
17	<p>Leaders in your country are considering a law that would require all dog owners to keep their dogs on their property or on leashes while out in public. The county has received many complaints in the last month about dogs running across busy streets, into neighbor's yards, and through elementary playgrounds. Some citizens have expressed fears for their safety. If this law is passed, anyone who breaks the law will have to pay a fine. County leaders are seeking public opinion as they consider this law.</p> <p>Decide if you think this law is a good idea. Write an email to the county leaders giving your opinion about whether this law is necessary or not. Use specific details to support your opinion.</p>	
18	<p>Your class is studying American celebrations when a new student from another country joins the class. The new student speaks English but knows very little about American celebrations. To help the new student, the teacher asks the class to create a notebook with articles about celebrations in the United States. You have read a passage about two celebrations and an article about Moina Michael. You decide you want to tell that new student about Memorial Day and Veterans Day.</p> <p>Write an article about the two celebrations that honor past and present members of the American armed forces. You will share the article with the new student. Include information about why the celebrations are held. Describe the activities that some people might enjoy on these days.</p>	

Analyzing On Demand Writing Prompts Quiz

Directions: Complete the organizer. Then use the SPAT to analyze the 3 prompts below.

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1. A Crayola museum? A Cockroach Hall of Fame? A museum to honor the Tooth Fairy? All of these are real museums in the United States that display unusual items. Think of an object that you would like to see honored with its own museum. Write a letter to the editor of interesting *Museums Magazine* about why you think your selection would be of interest to the museum visitors and should be put in a museum. Include information about some items that might be displayed in this unusual museum.
2. In our school, we recently conducted a survey of fourth and fifth graders. The results of the survey showed that our students do not respect others and their personal space. Write an article for the school newspaper that describes what kinds of behaviors demonstrate respect for others and their personal spaces.
3. Most boys and girls are afraid to go to the dentist, especially the first time. Your dentist is trying to do something to help his new patients relax. He's putting together a scrapbook full of stories written by other children who have visited him. These stories will help new patients not to be afraid of coming to the dentist. They will tell about a time when they visited him and found out that it was not bad at all. Think of a time when you were really afraid of visiting your dentist, but found out that it was not painful at all. Write your story for the your dentist's scrapbook.