



2017-18 A+ Ready Writing

INVITATIONAL

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **one** of the following topics. Write the topic you have chosen at the top of your paper. Remember you should not use your real name or that of your school.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

Topic: *New Holiday*

Holidays come with their own traditions, rituals, food, and activities. Think about a new holiday you would like to create. Write an essay explaining this new holiday.

Topic: *Broken Toy*

Imagine you received a toy that was broken. Write a letter to the company who made the toy. Describe what is wrong and how the company can fix the problem. Remember not to include your name or school name in the letter.



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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

Topic: *Standing Up*

The author J.K. Rowling once said that, "It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends." Think about what this quote means, and then write an essay about when you stood up to your friend or friends.

Topic: *Bravery Story*

Begin a story with the words, "Once upon a time." In your story, write about a character whose action demonstrates bravery.



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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Topic: *Not Be Forgotten*

Author Isabel Allende once said that people should, "Write what should not be forgotten." Think about books you have read. Write about a book that covered a topic, person, idea, or event that should not be forgotten.

Topic: *Photographic Memory*

Think about what it would be like to have a photographic memory. Write a story about a day in the life of a character who has a photographic memory. You may be as creative as you like.



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Topic: *Medicine of Laughter* There is a common saying that, "Laughter is the best medicine." Think about your own life. Write an essay describing when laughter made you or someone you know feel better.

Topic: *Funny Event* Using your imagination, create a story where something funny happens to a character or characters. Write your story being as creative as you would like.



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Topic: *Money and Happiness?*

There is a saying that money cannot buy happiness. Think about what that saying means. Do you believe that money can or cannot buy happiness? Write an essay persuading your reader about your opinion.

Topic: *Spreading Happiness*

Write a story about a character who decides to make other people feel happy for one week. Make sure to develop your characters and provide details about what this character does.



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Topic: *New Idea*

Someone once said that, "A person's mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions." Think about a time in your life when you or someone you know was affected and changed in some way by a new idea. Write an essay explaining this event.

Topic: *Something I Learned*

Think about the last couple years of your life. Write an essay about something important you have learned during this period and how that knowledge has affected you.



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Topic: *Best Part of
My Day*

Most likely, you have a similar daily routine. Think about your typical day. Write an essay that describes your favorite part of the day.

Topic: *Chore Giveaway*

Think about a chore you do not like doing. Write a letter to a sibling or a friend persuading that person to do the chore for you. Remember not to include your name or school name in the letter.



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Topic: *Preparation or
Regret*

A famous athlete once said, "it is better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret." Think about what this quote means. Write an essay explaining your thoughts using specific examples to support your ideas.

Topic: *Remote Control*

If you had the ability to use a remote to either pause or rewind your life, what would you choose? Think about this opportunity and write an essay explaining your decision.



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Topic: *Fear Versus
Hope*

John F. Kennedy once said, "We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes." Think about your own life. Write about a time when you or someone you know let go of a fear to pursue a hope.

Topic: *Letter of Advice*

Imagine you have a friend who is nervous about an upcoming competition. Think about some advice you would offer your friend to help him or her prepare for the competition. Write a letter to your friend offering the advice. Make sure not to include your name or the name of your school.