



What prompts are available in Writing Practice?

Genre	Title	Description
Narrative	An Influential Friend	Tell the story of a friend who has had a great influence on your life. Include your thoughts, feelings, and experiences to show how your friend has affected you.
	Reflective Writing: Attending College	Milestones should be remembered because they are times of great personal growth and achievement. Attending college is a significant milestone. In an essay, write about this experience and explain how it has affected you.
	Apology	Apologies can often be difficult to make. Select a memorable experience of regret and describe how you made your apology.
	Reflective Essay: A Cherished Treasure	Think of a personal treasure that has memories attached to it. Write a reflective essay in which you identify such a treasure, and then examine the significance and importance of keeping mementos.
Persuasive	Tax Dollars	Imagine that you had the option of telling the U.S. government how your family's tax dollars should be spent. Should the money go to education, national health care, or the military? Write a letter to your state representative explaining which option you would select and provide reasons supporting your choice.
	Address About Violence in Video Games	Write an essay in which you present your opinion about the negative or positive effects of video games on young children. Focus your essay on a specific argument about video games, providing reasons and examples that support your opinion.
	Community Service	Some people think that all 18 year-olds should perform one year of national or community service (for example, the Peace Corps, emergency medical services, Big Brother and Big Sister programs) before they pursue college or a paying job. What is your position on this issue? Write an essay in which you support your point of view with convincing reasons and examples.
	Freedom of Speech	Do you think that college newspapers should be given absolute free speech with no censorship from faculty? Write a letter to your administration arguing for or against freedom of speech in your college's newspaper.
Problem & Solution	Overcoming a Challenge	Think about a time when you faced a difficult situation but found a way to overcome it. In an essay, describe the challenge, the way you solved it, and the way you felt when the problem was solved.
	Essay About Overcoming Obstacle	Many people face obstacles that restrict and complicate their lives. For example, a person may not have a car, yet need to drive in order to keep a job. Choose a problem, and write an essay that presents a practical solution to the problem.
	Community Service Letter	Many young people today become involved in improving their communities and solving local problems. Think of a way you could help in your community. Write a letter to residents or community officials introducing your idea and inviting their support.
Response to Literature	Bravery in the Face of Danger	Characters in literature often display intense courage when they face a difficult or dangerous situation. Choose a character from a work of literature you have recently read. Summarize the situation in which the character demonstrates bravery and explain how the character's courage helped resolve the problem that he or she faced.
	Literary Analysis of Character	Characters in literature often have a strong impact on us because they change and grow throughout the book or play. Describe a memorable character and explain how and why the character grew and what impact the character had on you.