4th Grade Writing Prompts

Pick a prompt, plan, write, then reread and fix one thing.

Opinion prompts

1. Should kids have phones? Support your view with reasons and evidence.
2. Should homework be banned? Write a persuasive letter to your principal.
3. Is it more important to be smart or kind?
4. Should video games count as a sport?
5. Should school start later in the morning?
6. Which is the best way to learn: books, videos or doing?
7. Should students be allowed to choose their own seats?
8. Which historical figure deserves a holiday? Convince your reader.

Informative prompts

1. Explain how something works, such as a bicycle, a volcano or a rainbow.
2. Research your state and write about its history, geography and fun facts.
3. Compare two animals, such as frogs and toads, in a report.
4. Explain the causes and effects of pollution.
5. Write about an invention that changed the world.
6. Explain how to plan a birthday party, step by step.
7. Describe a habitat and the animals that live there.
8. Write a biography of someone in your family.

Narrative prompts

1. Write about a time you changed your mind about something.
2. Write a story about a kid who discovers a secret door at school.
3. Tell about an adventure in nature, using sensory details.
4. Write a story where the main character must solve a problem without help.
5. Tell the same event from two characters' points of view.
6. Write about a moment that changed you.
7. Write a story set 100 years in the future.
8. Write a story that begins with dialogue.

Name _____ Date _____

My Writing

Prompt: _____