5th Grade Writing Prompts

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

Opinion prompts

1. Should students have a say in school rules? Support your view with reasons and evidence.
2. Is technology making kids' lives better or worse?
3. Should every student learn a second language?
4. Should junk food be sold in schools?
5. Are sports or the arts more important in schools?
6. Should kids be allowed to use AI tools for homework?
7. Should all students do community service?
8. What is the most important problem kids could help solve? Convince your reader.

Informative prompts

1. Research a natural disaster and explain its causes, effects and how people prepare.
2. Explain how a law is made in the United States.
3. Compare two historical time periods.
4. Explain how ecosystems depend on each other.
5. Write a report on a scientist and their discoveries.
6. Explain how to start a small business, like a lemonade stand.
7. Write a how-to guide for a skill you've mastered.
8. Research an endangered animal and explain how to protect it.

Narrative prompts

1. Write a personal narrative about a challenge you overcame.
2. Write a story in which the main character must make a difficult choice between two friends.
3. Write historical fiction: a day in the life of a kid in another time.
4. Write a mystery story with clues and a surprise ending.
5. Tell a story from the point of view of an object, like a backpack.
6. Write about a time you stood up for something you believed in.
7. Write a story where the setting changes the plot.
8. Continue this story: The power went out, and that's when we heard the knock.

Name _____ Date _____

My Writing

Prompt: _____