

TITLE:	Creative Writing Prompts
Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 years and up
Student Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will apply the fundamentals of an effective journal entry to express themselves creatively. • Students will explore, select, and respond to a writing prompt for a journal entry.
Time Needed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 – 60 minutes
Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notebook • Pens, Pencils, and crayons • Brainsparker App with writing prompts • Download brainsparker app for free at www.brainsparker-app.com

Suggested Time	Directions
Introduction (5 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide students with a blank paper or notebook and tell them they have 2 minutes to write about any topic they choose. 2. Set the timer for 2 minutes. When the timer goes off ask students some follow up questions such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were you able to choose a topic to write about? How did you choose a topic quickly? b. Did you write for the whole 2 minutes? c. If you had more time would it have been easier for you to choose and write? d. Would you have preferred if a topic was chosen for you? Why or why not?

	<p>Ask for student volunteers to share what they have written.</p>
<p>Instructional Time (10 – 15 minutes)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask students an age-appropriate question or give them a scenario and have them respond to it in 2 sentences orally or in writing. (What would it be like to be age....; What was your favorite birthday party? What would you do if there were no more adults? Etc.) Teacher will share their own response as an example for students. 2. Provide students with a second prompt to respond to. The Brainsparker app can be used for a creative prompt. 3. Write, Pair, Share: Provide students with 2 minutes to write a quick response to the prompt. When the 2 minutes is up, pair students to share their responses with each other. 4. Ask for student volunteers to share their writing with the class. 5. Discuss the concept of responding to prompts, or journaling with students. Ask students if they have ever written a journal entry before. Tell students that journaling is a creative way to express yourself on paper. We can use journals to process or develop our ideas, to plan for bigger writing tasks, to practice our writing, to think or write creatively. Talk about their favorite writing topics. Have students make suggestions for their own journal topics and ideas. 6. Return to the previous prompt to review the writing process. Once again read the prompt aloud. Demonstrate dissecting the prompt to understand the concept for response. Use additional prompts for more examples. Ask students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is this prompt asking us to write? b. What type of response or format should we use?

	<p>c. What is the tone of the response to this prompt? d. Do I need to plan or prewrite for the process?</p> <p>If time allows have students share their writing aloud. Alternatively you may ask students to share about the writing process.</p>
<p>Extra Activity (30 minutes)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tell students they will have the opportunity to choose their own prompt to respond to, using the Brainsparker app. You may direct students to randomly choose or to review and select. 2. Talk with students about which entry they choose, and how they are going to write about that particular prompt. Answer questions as needed. 3. Allow students 10-15 minutes to select and respond to a prompt in writing. You may additionally prompt students to provide more detail, if appropriate. <p>If time allows have students share their writing aloud. Alternatively you may ask students to share about the writing process.</p>

<p>Additional Resources:</p>	<p>Brainsparker App (Apple)</p> <p>Brainsparker Card Picker</p> <p>Brainsparker for Educators</p> <p>Brainsparker for Kids</p> <p>Brainsparker Toolkits</p>
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