

LET'S WRITE!

In addition to being an educator, I'm an author. I LOVE writing. I know that isn't the case for everyone, but I truly hope that after spending time with me or one of my resources, people will come to like it just a little bit more!

This resource will help you implement a daily writing routine in your classroom. I start small, asking students to write for 5 minutes, and then each week, add on another, until we are up to 10 minutes. I know that they won't create a finished product in that amount of time, but that's not the purpose of these journal writes. The purpose is to be creative, to put ideas on paper, to experiment, and mostly... just to WRITE. The only way we get better at a skill is to practice it. I give a few more implementation tips on page 4, but if you have more questions, feel free to email me at any time. (wordnerd@amandazieba.com).

I hope these prompts spark both interest and ideas in your students.

Happy Writing!

Amanda Zieba

(AkA: The Word Nerd)

P.S. For more ideas on how to get reluctant writers going, watch <u>this video</u>.

P.P.S. This is SET #2! Grab SET #1(also 9 weeks of writing prompts) HERE.

Link:

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Writing-Prompts-for-Middle-Schoolers-3287788



(https://youtu.be/I7UWA-pw04Q?sub_confirmation=1)

THIS PRODUCT

- 6 weeks of printable writing prompts (prompt + writing space) featuring story quotes from exemplar models from published books to inspire and instruct writers!
- A <u>Canva Presentation</u> of the writing prompts to project on a big screen in your classroom. These are editable if you click (FILE MAKE A COPY) once in Canva.

(https://www.canva.com/design/DAFXYZeH3Ms/zPPFdYzfL2vFQK8Vo352IQ/view? utm_content=DAFXYZeH3Ms&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton)

- A Gem and Opportunity Feedback form for students and teachers to use when giving a critique.
- A rubric for teachers to use to evaluate the writing products created by their students with these prompts. Students can also use this rubric to self-score/evaluate their writing. I wouldn't "grade" every journal write. Maybe ask students to pick one a week they'd like you to score.
- A list of journal writing tips for students. As well as a video full of ideas for teachers to engage reluctant writers.

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JOURNAL WRITING TIPS

- Take a minute to think before you start writing. You don't need to jump into action right away. Doodle, take notes, stare off into space... gather your thoughts and then start writing! (But if you've got an idea right away, go for it! That's fine too!)
- Put your phone/chromebook/tablet away. Distractions can easily pull you out of the writing flow.
- If you feel like you are stuck or have nothing else to say, but we still have writing time left, re-read what you have written. This might inspire more ideas. Or, you can go back and add in details to your response that you did not include the first time around.
- You can always go back to the text/prompt/image for clues. reminders, ideas to add.
- Before submitting your work, whisper read your work aloud to yourself. This will help you catch small, easy to fix errors.
- Listen to an instrumental playlist to create a blanket of white noise that will help you focus on your task, rather than the distractions surrounding you. Try this video! (link: https://youtu.be/aHVFKDZRC3g)





Use this rubric to first communicate your writing expectations to students and then to evaluate the writing products they create. Students and/or peers can also use this rubric to self/peer score/evaluate the pieces of writing.

The rubric can be found at the bottom of each prompt for easy access for both you and your students. There is also a page with 3 rubrics to print and cut for use with this or other writing tasks.

I assign 2 points if the task was completed and done well, 1 if the task was attempted but not mastered, and 0 if the task was not attempted at all.

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Uses correct grammar/capitalization/punctuation			
Thoughts are clearly presented and easy to follow			
Length is appropriate			
Format is correct (letter, fiction story, news article, diary entry, etc.)			

Total Points = /10

The following pages will be used multiple times throughout the resources, but are included just once to save space in the file.

- Free Write Fridays
- Gem and Opportunity Feedback Sheets
- Writing Rubric Sheets





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WRITING PROMPTS



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My Name:

Name of classmate I am reviewing:

Date:

Title of Piece/Date Written



LIST SEVERAL THINGS THE WRITERS DOES WELL

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OPPORTUNITIES

LIST OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WRITER TO IMPROVE

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FINAL COMMENTS

WRITE ANY FINAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK HERE:

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WEEK 1 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: Coop Knows the Scoop by Taryn Souders
Tuesday: Jefferson's Sons by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Wednesday: The Curiosities by Tessa Gratton
Thursday: Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
Friday: Free Write Friday



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"Burma moseyed into our store moments later, gray hair slicked back and smelling of aftershave. He ran the Cut n' Curl and owned three things that half the people in town didn't: all his teeth, a full head of hair, and a sense of humor."

TAKE OUT THE GREEN WORDS AND ADD IN YOUR OWN CHARACTER AND DETAILS. IF YOU HAVE TIME, WRITE A SCENE!

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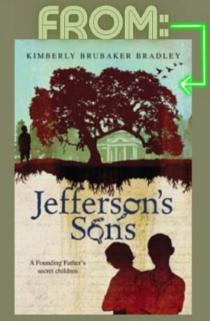


USE THIS LINE TO START YOUR OWN STORY

"Three important things happened in the second half of that year."

IDEAS/STRATEGIES · CREATE YOUR LIST FIRST

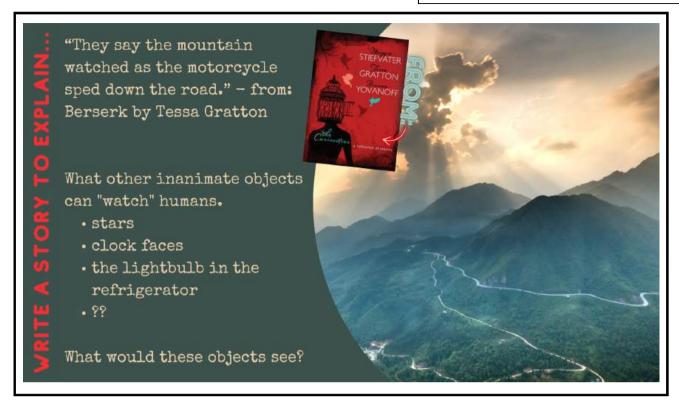
- THINK ABOUT THE ORDER YOU WANT TO SHARE THE ITEMS
- TRY TO ADD A SURPRISING ITEM
- IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN AND MAKE THAT LIST!



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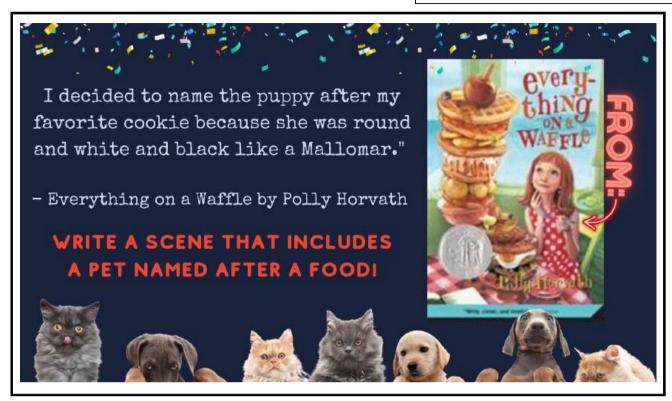


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WEEK 2 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: One Came Home by Amy Timberlake
Tuesday: The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Wednesday: The Water Castle by Megan Fraser Blakemore
Thursday: Laura Ingalls is Ruining My Life by Shelly Tougas
Friday: Free Write Friday

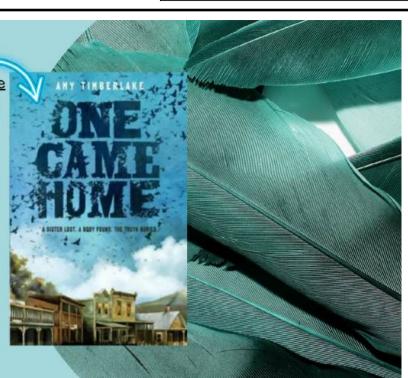


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Use this line from the
Newbery Honor Award
winning book One Came Home
by Amy Timberlake to start
your own scene/story.

"I hadn't appreciated before when I'd been there. But now, before was where I wanted to be, before was where I wanted to live."

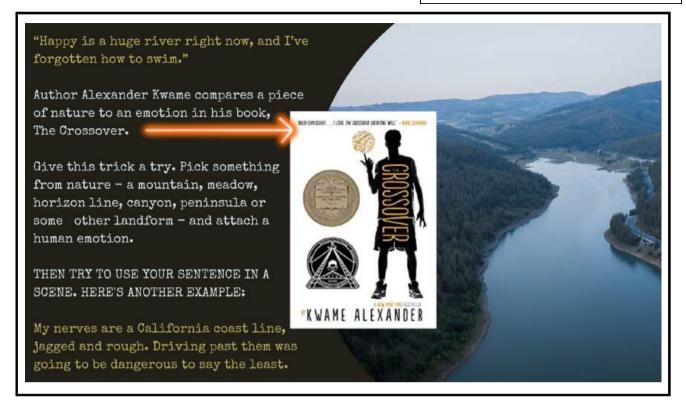


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"The kids wore their arrogance like a uniform."

The Water Castle
by Megan Frazer Blakemore

MATCH AN EMOTION
TO AN OUTFIT
AND THEN USE IT IN
A SENTENCE.



Pajamas - relaxed

Fancy shoes - uncomfortable

Itchy sweater - irritated

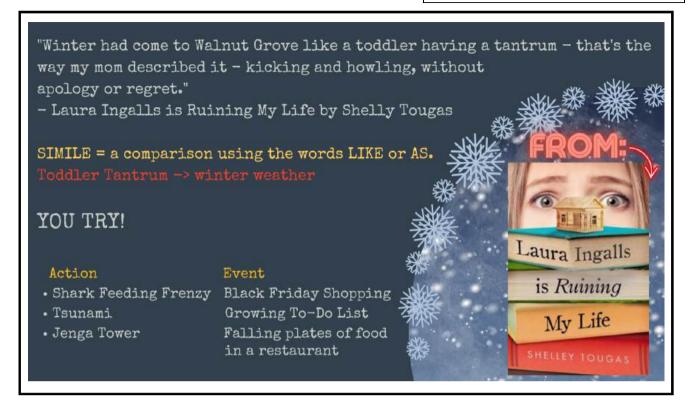
Your idea?!?!?!

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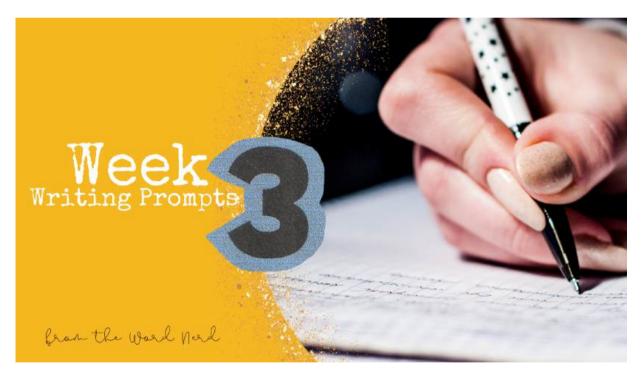
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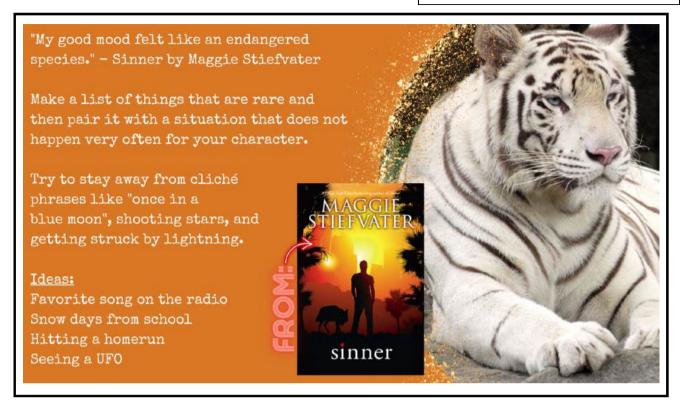
WEEK 3 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: Sinner by Maggie Stiefvater
Tuesday: Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Wednesday: My Life as a Potato by Arianne Costner
Thursday: No Passengers Beyond This Point by Jennifer Choldekno
Friday: Free Write Friday



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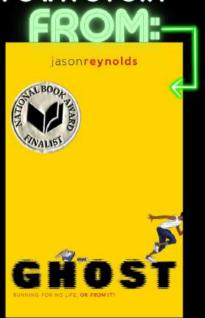
""Don't ever let someone call your life, your dreams little."

-from: Ghost by Jason Reynolds

WRITE ABOUT YOURSELF OR A CHARACTER AND THEIR BIG DREAMS!

WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DO?

WHAT IS THEIR PLAN?



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"Ever since I found out they kicked Pluto out of the planets, I haven't been feeling so sure about a lot of things."

--No Passengers Beyond this Point

bu Jennifer Choldenko

WHAT SITUATION WOULD
MAKE A PERSON FEEL
UNCERTAIN OR
DOUBTFUL? TRY TO COME
UP WITH SOMETHING
SPECIFIC OR UNUSUAL.

IDEAS:

MYSTERY MEET

@ SCHOOL

LUNCH

FROM:

PRESENT FROM YOUR ENEMY

NEW TEACHER

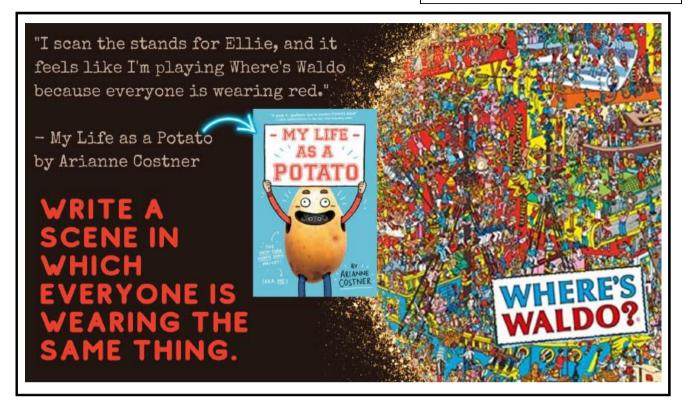
DISCOVERING A FAMILY SECRET

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WEEK 4 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: Ambush by Obert Skye
Tuesday: The Maloney's Magical Weather Box by Nigel Quinlan
Wednesday: Mark of the Thief by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Thursday: The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester
Friday: Free Write Friday



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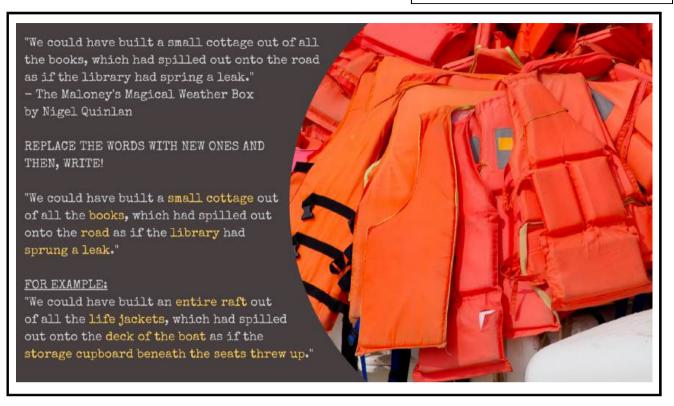


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WRITING PROMPTS

TART YOUR OWN STORY WITH THIS LINE

"He'd been in my life less than an hour and my hopes had already taken a significant turn for the worse."

-- Mark of the Thief by Jennifer A. Nielsen

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WEEK 5 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: Oathbringer by Brandon Sanderson Tuesday: The Fourth Stall (Part 2) by Chris Rylander Wednesday: The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard Thursday: Inkheart by Cornelia Funke Friday: Free Write Friday



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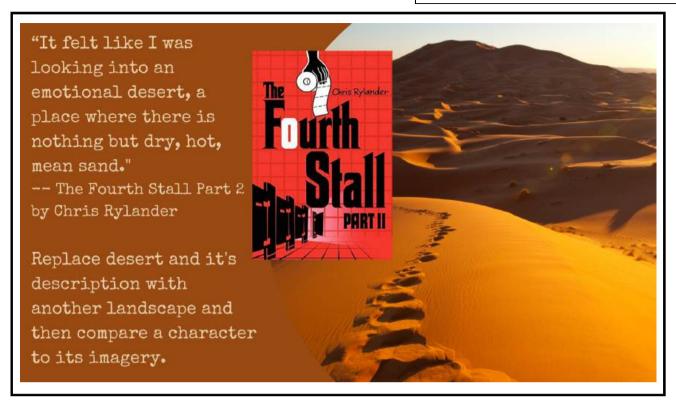


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"Normally this is my dance, walking through the most congested parts of a crowd, letting my hands catch purses and pockets like spiderwebs catching flies."

The author is comparing the stickiness of a spider's web and her thieving hands.

Think of an animal's action, skill or adaptation and use it to describe something a human is doing.

Ideas
eye sight
speed
camouflage
flight
warm fur

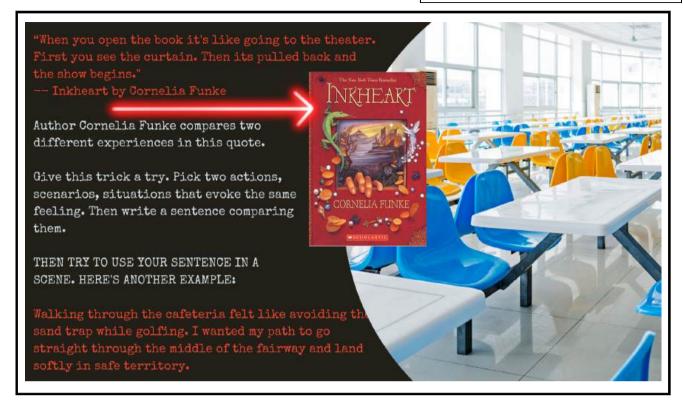


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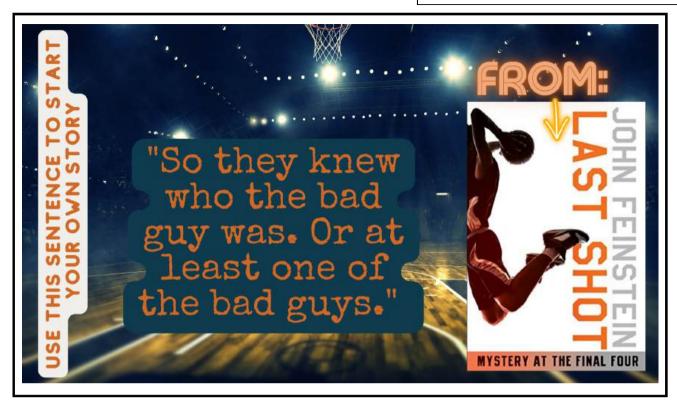
WEEK 6 STORY QUOTE TEXTS

Monday: The Last Shot by John Feinstein Tuesday: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak Wednesday: Starfish by Lisa Fipps Thursday: Doll Bones by Holly Black Friday: Free Write Friday



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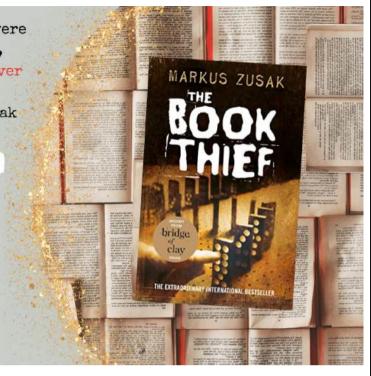
"The book thief and her brother were traveling down toward Munich, where they would soon be given over to foster parents."

-- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Take out the red words and add in your own character and details. If you have time, write a scene!

EXAMPLE:

"Kinley and her babysitter were traveling down Main Street, where they would soon, although not soon enough in Kinley's opinion, be able to see the city pool."



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AND THEN WRITE

"I find Dr. Woodn't-You-Like-to-Know planted as firmly in her chair as cotton in the South Plains.

- from: Starfish by Lisa Fipps

What other things in life are "rooted firmly". stuck tight. or won't budge?

- · a lid jar
- · foot in a too small shoe
- · chewing gum in hair

What could you compare them too?

- · a bad mood
- · an opinion
- a person in "their spot" on the couch/in the cafeteria

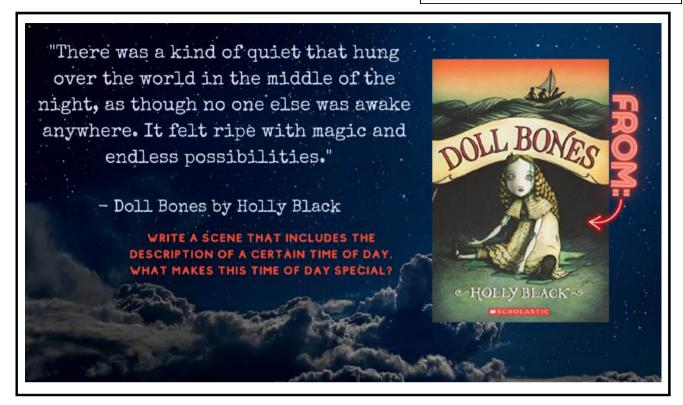


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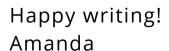
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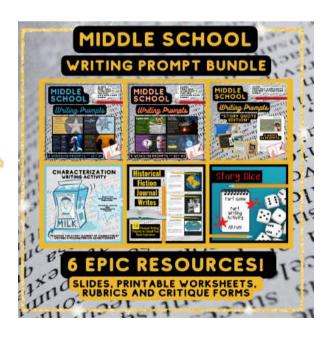
GRAB THE REST OF THE SET!

Love these writing prompts and want more? Good news! There are two additional sets of prompts! Each resource includes 9 weeks of writing prompts and covers a wide variety or story elements and writing skills.



Or the whole BUNDLE!



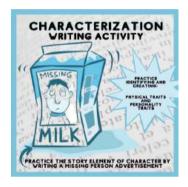


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