

WRITING PROMPTS (2)

NARRATIVE

- +What is your most vivid memory of childhood? What is happening? Be specific and descriptive.
- +Discuss one time you felt very afraid to do something. What happened? Was there a resolution?
- +Discuss one time when you felt most courageous. What happened?
- +What is your favorite memory from school? What happened? Why is this memory your favorite?
- +If/When you have children, what kinds of values will you instill in them?

CONCEPTUAL

- +What is religion? Why do you think there are so many?
- +What makes a song good? Give examples.
- +What makes a film good? Give examples.
- +What is cultural tolerance? How can we achieve cultural tolerance in our country?
- +What are the characteristics of a bad spouse/significant other?
- +There is a saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." What does this mean to you?
- +Many argue that religious texts are simply fictional and not to be taken literally. What do you think?
- +What is love? Are there different kinds?
- +What makes a good leader? Explain any qualities you provide.
- +Are your parents "good" parents? Why or why not?

PRE-ARGUMENTATIVE

- +Why are Americans so prudish about sex when other cultures around the world are not?

+Would you pay higher taxes if everyone in the country were able to have a home, food, clothing, and medical/dental care? Why or why not?

+Name one person who you trust. What qualities/characteristics does this person possess?

+Name one thing which makes you angry. Why? How angry does it make you?

+Is the freedom of press a good thing? Why or why not? What about the freedom of privacy?

+There are two types of living conditions: Urban (city living) and Rural (non-city living). Which do you prefer? Why?

+Mohandas Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." What does this mean to you? How might it apply to some sort of circumstance in your life?

+Should assault weapons belong in the hands of the individual citizen, or should they belong only in the hands of law enforcement and the military? Why or why not?

+Do you believe in the afterlife (life after death)? Why? What support/proof do you have?

ARGUMENTATIVE

+Should the government take care of people? Or, should people take care of themselves?

+Endorse one position: Give money to the homeless/Do not give money to the homeless. Persuade us.

+Endorse one position: People have the right to self-terminate their lives (commit suicide)/People do not have the right to self-terminate their lives (commit suicide). Persuade us.

+At what age should a person be allowed to marry? Why?

+At what age should a person be able to have sex? Why?

+Are men and women equal? Why or why not?

+Think of one thing you hate/dislike. Then, write a rant about why you hate/dislike it.

+Think of one thing you love. Then, write a passage about why you like it.

CRITICAL THINKING

+If we abolish money, what kinds of things would we have to think about?

+What is something your parents (or guardians) believe in or support which you do not believe in or support? Why?

+Viruses and bacteria are evolving at an alarming rate. If a disease began afflicting the general population, what would you do? What precautions would you take?

+What is one thing/characteristic that hinders you from being perfect? How? Why? How do you deal with this thing/characteristic?

+The People's Republic of China has a much larger army, more conventional weapons, and a larger navy than the United States. In addition, it owns most of the National Debt of the United States. Should the United States be worried? Why or why not?

+Which would you support more: The creation of intelligent (self-aware) machines or the creation of advanced cybernetics (humans with robotic parts)? Why?

+What are some things that our country can do without? What are some things our country needs?

SITUATIONAL

+You are walking down a street alone at night, and a person stops and says, "Give me your money, or I shoot" (they actually have a weapon). What do you do during the incident? Why? What about after the incident?

+A very attractive friend begins hitting on you strongly. He/she takes off his/her clothing and begins to kiss you. What do you do? Why? Would you consider it a mistake if anything happens?

+You are being considered for a promotion at work. A fellow coworker accuses you of harassing him/her to "get ahead" and dismiss your credibility. What do you do? Why?

+You are riding on a boat or a bus while traveling. Suddenly, you realize that your pants are ripped, and if you rise you will expose yourself to the other people riding the boat or bus. What do you do? Why?