

Grade 5 Writing Prompts

Beginning of Year	Think about an experience you have had with harsh weather, such as a bad rainstorm, snowstorm or flood, or extreme heat or cold. Or, think of an experience you have read or heard about. Write a description of an experience with bad weather. Remember to include important details to give a clear picture of your topic.
End of 1st Trimester	A role model is someone whose behavior and actions set a good example for others to follow. Think about someone that serves as a role model for you. It might be a family member or friend or someone famous. Write an expository essay about <u>one</u> of your role models. Use details and examples to explain why this person is an important role model for you.
(May) End of Year	DWA

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	Meets the Standard	Partially Meets the Standard
Ideas and Content Focus on topic Supportive Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information. -Relevant details give the reader important information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Main idea is clear with supporting detail. -Supporting details and information are relevant but several key ideas are unsupported.
Word Choice Descriptive Words	Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger and draw pictures in the reader's mind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Writer uses minimal vivid words and phrases that linger or draw pictures in the readers mind.
Conventions Capitalization Punctuation Grammar Spelling of Grade Level Priority words	Writer makes a minimum of errors in capitalization and punctuation but the paper is still easy to read. Priority words are spelled correctly	Writer makes a minimum of errors in capitalization or punctuation that interrupt the flow Inconsistent spelling of priority words
Organization Opening Closing Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The introduction is inviting and states the main topic. -A variety of thoughtful transitions are used that clearly show how ideas are connected. -Details are placed in a logical and sequential order. -Constructs an effective closing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The introduction states the main topic. -Some transitions are used to show how ideas are connected. -Creates a somewhat effective closing. -Details are evident.
Voice	-The writer seems to be drawing on knowledge or experience and is individual and expressive.	The reader is left with one or two questions. More information is needed.
Sentence Fluency Types Variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Most sentences are well constructed with varied structure. -Most sentences sound natural and are easy on-the-ear when read aloud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Many sentences are well constructed but have a similar structure. - Many sentences sound natural and are easy on-the-ear when read aloud.
Presentation	Words are easily readable with a consistent attempt at word spacing. Letters are well formed and easy to read.	Words are not easily readable and spacing inconsistent. Letters are not well formed and easy to read.