**Writing Prompts**

Use these writing prompts for free writing activities. Make sure you write by hand, and write a **minimum** of 2 pages double-spaced/1 page single-spaced (grade 6’s), and 3 pages double-spaced/1.5 pages single spaced (grade 7’s).

1. Imagine that you could give advice to someone—it could be someone you know

personally, a historical figure, or a famous person living today. Write a paragraph that identifies the person and the advice you would give. Choose a familiar subject so that you can provide details and elaboration that explain why this person needs your advice.

2. In a paragraph, explain how disappointments can have a good side.

3. Write a paragraph explaining why someone you care about is important to you.

4. Imagine you worked at a pet shop. What would happen and what would you do if 200 mice got out of their cages in the pet shop?

5. Write a paragraph to explain why honesty is important in a friendship.

6. Through the years new inventions have changed the way we live. Think about one invention that has had an impact on the way you live. Now write to explain to your teacher how this invention has changed your life.

7. Write a paragraph explaining how you changed when you entered grade 6 or 7.

8. Imagine your school is considering making all students wear uniforms. Do you think this is right or wrong? Write a letter to your school giving your position on this subject and supporting your position with convincing reasons. Explain your reasons.

9. There are both good things and bad things about playing on a team, such as the school soccer team or a volleyball team. Write a paragraph in which you explain both what is good and what is bad about playing on a sports team. Be sure to explain each point fully.

10. A role model is a person you look up to. Before you begin writing, think about someone you look up to. Why do you admire this person? Write a paragraph in which you explain whom you admire, why you admire this person, and what they have done to gain your respect.

11. Do you ever remember what you dream? Do you dream in color? Write about a very vivid dream that you remember.

12. Write about a big argument you had with a friend. What happened? Why were you upset? Are you friends today? Who was the first to apologize?

13. Do you think that social media is a positive thing? Write an paragraph discussing why or why not. Make sure you list both the positives and negatives.

14. “You must do the thing you think you cannot do,” is a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, a former First Lady of the United States. Write a narrative about something you did that you didn’t think you could do. Include specific details.

15. Have you ever wished that you could be older? What would the benefits and problems be if you were older?

16. If you had three wishes, what would you use them for … and what might go wrong? Make sure you describe what each wish would be, and what may happen.

17. What do you think the world will be like in 50 years time? What will have changed for the better? What will be worse?

18. Do you think humans will ever live on other planets? If yes, how would our society change? If no, how will we deal with problems like over-population and climate change on our own planet?

19. Write about a typical (even boring!) weekday before you had to stay home. It might seem dull now – but in 20 or 30 years, you might be fascinated to read about the little details of your life.

20. How does your family celebrate Christmas (or any other holiday of your choice)? Write down the details and your family traditions.

21. Write a self-portrait. Describe yourself in detail: your looks, personality, likes, dislikes, hopes, dreams, worries, what you aspire to do, etc.

22. Tell this story: “There it was, finally. Our island. Our very own island. It looked beautiful above the waves of fog, but there was still one question to be answered: why had they sold it to us for only five dollars?”