

Writing Prompts

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May Prompts

- Teacher Appreciation Week is observed in May. Think about all the teachers you have had. Choose a teacher from a previous year and write him or her a thank you letter. Include at least three reasons you appreciated being a part of his/her class. Remember to start with a greeting and end with a closing.
- May 3 is Space Day. If the United States were ever to start a colony on Mars, would you like to be a part of it? Fold a paper in half and title it *Living on Mars*. On the left side, write a list of pros for leaving Earth to live on this colony, and on the right, make a list of cons, or reasons not to move to Mars.
- The second week of May is National Pet Week. Which animal makes a better pet, a dog or a cat? Write a persuasive paragraph that tries to convince someone that one animal makes a better pet than the other.
- On May 9, 1754, the first newspaper cartoon was published. Write and illustrate a cartoon about an event that recently happened in your classroom or school.
- On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted in Washington State. Volcanoes are a special type of mountain. Research how, when, and where volcanoes are most likely to erupt and write an informative paragraph about what you learned.
- On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off in an airplane called *The Spirit of St. Louis* and became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Think of something that you would like to be the first person to do. Write a newspaper article from the future describing your amazing feat from the reporter's point of view.
- On May 21, 1803, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, a society that helps people in need. Think of a time when you helped someone in need. Write a paragraph describing your act of kindness.
- Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. This patriotic holiday commemorates the men and women who have died while serving their country. Write a poem honoring and thanking the brave soldiers who gave their lives for our country.

June Prompts

These prompts are perfect for your students' writing journals, morning work, or your emergency sub plans.

- The great architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, was born on June 8, 1867. He designed many homes. Draw your dream home. Write one or more paragraphs describing the special features of your house.
- June 14 is Flag Day. Research the history of this holiday. Write a paragraph explaining what you learned.
- Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. Make a card for your dad that tells him how much you appreciate him. Decorate the front.
- June 18 is National Picnic Day. Plan a picnic for your friends. Create a guest list and send invitations. Remember to include the location, date, time, and what they should bring to the picnic.
- On June 23, 1868, the typewriter was patented. We have come a long way since then. Use a Venn diagram (two intersecting circles) to compare and contrast the typewriter and a laptop computer. How are they the same; how are they different? If you have never seen a typewriter, you may need to do some research to complete this activity!
- June is National Safety Month. Using the computer, create a brochure for your classmates that details at least four rules that should always be followed for safety's sake. Officer Buckle would be so proud of you for choosing this one!



Frame your work with these two summer-themed printables.