

National Young Writers Day Writing Prompts



K-2

What TV or movie characters do you wish were real? Why?

Which is better, giant muscles or incredible speed? Why?

What is your first memory? Describe it.

Describe a scary situation that you've experienced.

I wish my teachers knew that . . .

3-5

Rewrite "Hansel and Gretel" from the witch's perspective.

You wake up tomorrow with a silly superpower that makes you famous. What is that power? How does it lead to your becoming an international superstar?

What are examples of things you want versus things you need?

Write about your favorite childhood toy.

Describe a routine that you often or always do (in the morning, when you get home, Friday nights, before a game, etc.).



6-8

Do you make friends slowly or quickly? Describe how one of your important friendships evolved.

You get to take one book, one food item, and one famous person (living or dead) to a deserted island. What and who do you take? Why?

Write a scene that features a) a classmate, b) \$100 million, and c) magical shoes.

You have been selected to be king or queen of your school. What are five rules that every kid should follow at your school? What should the punishment be for rule breakers?

Draw an imaginary constellation. Write a story such as ancient people might have told about it.

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be? Why would you make this change?

9-12

Do Americans have it too easy? Why do you think that?

What causes racism?

What's the worst thing about the internet?

How much control over your life do you have? What makes you say that?

Does social media represent individuals authentically? Explain with examples.

