

Short Journal Topics

Many students find it intimidating when asked to write a page or more about a topic. As part of my warm-up, I require students to write at least a paragraph about a subject.

Favorites

Write a paragraph about your favorite....

1. Fast Food Restaurant
2. Potato Chips/Snacks
3. Candy
4. Local Restaurant
5. Person
6. Discount Store
7. Article of clothing
8. Person
9. Town
10. Country
11. Sport
12. Fruit
13. Vegetable
14. Car
15. Song/Musical Group

Days of the Week

1. What's good about Monday's?
2. Write a poem/paragraph about Tuesdays.
3. What are your plans for the weekend?

What comes to mind when you think of the following word? OR Describe the word without using the actual word. (Example: Imagine that you are describing fire to someone who has never seen fire.)

Fire

Ice

Dirt

Orange

Hot

Cold

Rain

Night

Five Things

Write five things that:

1. Make you happy
2. Irritate you
3. You would like to do in the next 5 years
4. You would do today if you were not in school
5. Cost less than \$5.00 that you love

Misc.

At the beginning of any given month, ask students to write a paragraph or a poem about that month. (For some reason, I get really good responses for the month of October.)

Free Write/What's on your mind today?

What do you think would be a good journal topic?