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Picture Writing Prompts

Creative Writing Exercises

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Teacher Directions

There are 36 images in this presentation (one for every week of school). You can use these pictures with your students in a variety of ways. Here are two options:

Quick Write:

Project the picture prompt for students to see. Tell students they are going to do a quick write which means they are just writing as much as possible in the allotted time, capturing anything that comes to mind in response to the image as a whole. This is a creative process that allows students the ability to use their imagination without the worry of perfecting a final product. Give students 5-10 minutes of time to write without interruptions.

Narrative Writing:

Project the picture prompt for students to see. Tell students they are going to write their own story based on the picture. They should include all of the important elements of a narrative, to include a hook, setting, major and minor characters, conflict, and plot. Other optional techniques they could use to enhance their writing: foreshadowing, flashbacks, cliffhangers, non-traditional point of view, etc. Give students 5-15 minutes to write, or longer if you wish to spend time practicing expository writing.

*After journals are written, you can give students the opportunity to share with the class or a partner (based on how much time you'd like to dedicate to this activity).



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36 INTERESTING VISUAL STORY STARTERS

