

2nd Grade Writing Prompts

Set 3 – EOY (End of Year) Assessment

Stimulus for Writing: “Setting the Rules”
Unit 5, Week 5 (McGraw-Hill) – pages 480-483

- ✓ Select just one prompt.
- ✓ Feel free to reread, explain, or clarify directions for students as needed.
- ✓ Be sure that students are familiar with the McGraw-Hill selection(s) before you begin.
- ✓ Go over the rubric* (or parts of the rubric that will be used) with students before you begin.
- ✓ Writing is to be done without help, but students may have access to personal dictionaries, word walls, rubric, or other resources that they are accustomed to using while writing.
- ✓ This will be first draft writing, but be sure to encourage students to reread their own writing to see if there is anything they want to add, change, or correct.
- ✓ Allow for enough time, within reason, to complete the task in one sitting

*There are DSD student self-assessments, genre rubrics, and a developing writer progression chart that can be used to evaluate student writing.

Suggestions:

- During the week of instruction:
 - Model using a graphic organizer that your students will use during the writing assessment.
 - Model writing the genre that you will be assessing.
 - Refer to parts of the student self-assessment tool as you model.
 - Do a lot of “peer talk” and “think alouds” with the students.
 - Continue to review vocabulary words and encourage students to add them to their writing.
- Review posted rules in your classroom and throughout the school.

Select just one prompt below:

Narrative Writing Prompt

We read and talked about why rules are important and how the Constitution set rules for our country. Think about a time when you set up the rules or had to follow rules. Write about that time. Be sure to describe the beginning, middle, and end of what happened.

Opinion Writing Prompt

We read and talked about why rules are important. In your opinion, is it important to have the same rules for everyone in our class? Write your opinion and be sure to support your opinion with at least two reasons.

Informative/Explanatory Writing Prompt

We read and talked about why rules are important. The Constitution set the rules for our country. What is the Constitution and why is it important? Be sure to include text evidence as you write about the Constitution.