

Grade 5 Writing Prompts

Week 1: This Is Me – Fifth Grade Edition

Main Prompt: Introduce yourself like you’re writing a profile for a magazine. Include your interests, talents, goals, and what makes you unique.

Extension Prompt: Share one thing you want to improve or learn this year.

Real-Life Tie-In: Interview a family member about what they were like at your age.

Creative Add-On: Create a “Fifth Grade Snapshot” collage with drawings, photos, or words.

Week 2: My Favorite Place on Earth

Main Prompt: Describe a real or imaginary place that makes you feel peaceful, excited, or happy.

Extension Prompt: Write a fictional story set in that place.

Real-Life Tie-In: Go outside and describe the details of your surroundings using all five senses.

Creative Add-On: Draw a scene or map of your favorite place.

Week 3: What Makes a Good Friend?

Main Prompt: Write about the qualities of a good friend and share a real friendship story.

Extension Prompt: Write a note or letter to a friend telling them why they’re important to you.

Real-Life Tie-In: Do something kind for a friend this week—then journal how it felt.

Creative Add-On: Create a friendship “code of honor” with your top 5 friendship rules.

Week 4: How I Learn Best

Main Prompt: Describe how you like to learn—through reading, doing, listening, watching, or a mix.

Extension Prompt: Write about a time you learned something difficult and how you got through it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Reflect with your parent or teacher on what learning strategies work best for you.

Creative Add-On: Make a “Learning Toolbox” visual with methods and ideas that help you.

Week 5: My Life as a Historical Figure

Main Prompt: Choose someone from history and write a day in their shoes—from their point of view.

Extension Prompt: Describe what you would ask this person if you could meet them.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a biography or watch a short documentary about someone from the past.

Creative Add-On: Create a journal cover or timeline for that historical figure's life.

Week 6: My Future Family

Main Prompt: Imagine your life as an adult. What kind of family would you have? What would your home be like?

Extension Prompt: Write a letter to your future kids about what matters most in life.

Real-Life Tie-In: Ask your parents or grandparents what life was like when they were your age.

Creative Add-On: Sketch a picture of your future house or family adventure.

Week 7: A Time I Helped Someone

Main Prompt: Write about a time you helped someone, even in a small way.

Extension Prompt: Turn it into a short story where kindness spreads to others.

Real-Life Tie-In: Do a random act of kindness this week and reflect on it.

Creative Add-On: Create a “Kindness Tracker” chart or page for your planner.

Week 8: If I Could Make a Law

Main Prompt: Create a new law for your school, town, or country. What would it fix, and how would it help people?

Extension Prompt: Write a short speech to convince others your law should pass.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up a real law that impacts kids or families.

Creative Add-On: Design a poster or campaign ad for your law.

Week 9: Behind the Scenes of My Favorite Book

Main Prompt: Pick a favorite book and write a story that takes place in the same world—but with new characters or twists.

Extension Prompt: Write a journal entry from the point of view of your favorite character.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your story with someone else who's read the book.

Creative Add-On: Draw a new book cover or design a spin-off series.

Week 10: The Day Everything Went Wrong

Main Prompt: Write a story where one funny or chaotic thing leads to another.

Extension Prompt: Add a surprise ending where something good comes out of the mess.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk about a real day that didn't go as planned and how it worked out anyway.

Creative Add-On: Make a comic strip of the “disaster” unfolding.

Week 11: What I Believe About God

Main Prompt: Write about what you believe about God, your relationship with Him, and how your faith helps you.

Extension Prompt: Write a prayer or favorite verse and reflect on its meaning.

Real-Life Tie-In: Memorize the verse and try to live it out this week.

Creative Add-On: Make a faith journal page with doodles, scripture, and reflections.

Week 12: The Great Imagination Machine

Main Prompt: You invent a machine that turns your imagination into reality. What happens next?

Extension Prompt: Write a story about what could go wrong—and how you fix it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk about the power of imagination and how it can help solve real problems.

Creative Add-On: Draw a blueprint of your invention and name it.

Week 13: A Lesson I Learned the Hard Way

Main Prompt: Write about a time you made a mistake and what you learned from it.

Extension Prompt: Write a short story with a character who goes through a similar experience.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk to a parent or mentor about a lesson they learned the hard way.

Creative Add-On: Create a “Life Lesson” mini-poster or illustrated quote.

Week 14: My Favorite Family Tradition

Main Prompt: Describe a family tradition that's meaningful or fun. How did it start?

Extension Prompt: Write about how you'd like to continue or change this tradition as you grow older.

Real-Life Tie-In: Help plan or participate in a family tradition this week.

Creative Add-On: Create a keepsake page with drawings or photos about the tradition.

Week 15: The World Through Someone Else's Eyes

Main Prompt: Write from the point of view of someone very different from you (age, background, culture, ability, etc.).

Extension Prompt: Share what you learned by imagining life from their shoes.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a story or watch a video that tells someone else's perspective.

Creative Add-On: Draw a split-page portrait showing yourself and the other person side by side.

Week 16: My Life in 20 Years

Main Prompt: Imagine your life 20 years from now. Where are you? What are you doing?

Extension Prompt: Write a letter to yourself as a grown-up with encouragement or advice.

Real-Life Tie-In: Ask your parents or grandparents what their dreams were at your age.

Creative Add-On: Make a vision board or magazine-style layout of your future life.

Week 17: A Problem That Needs Solving

Main Prompt: Write about a real-world problem (big or small) that you'd love to help solve.

Extension Prompt: Create a step-by-step plan for how you'd start solving it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Research one person who's making a difference in that area.

Creative Add-On: Design a logo or poster for your cause.

Week 18: The Most Interesting Person I Know

Main Prompt: Write about someone you know who's fascinating, funny, wise, or unique.

Extension Prompt: Write a pretend interview with that person.

Real-Life Tie-In: Ask that person questions and learn something new about them.

Creative Add-On: Create a "biography snapshot" page with facts, quotes, and a portrait.

Week 19: The Day Technology Disappeared

Main Prompt: Imagine all technology vanished for a day. What would life be like?

Extension Prompt: Write a journal entry from someone who actually enjoys the change.

Real-Life Tie-In: Try a screen-free day or hour and journal about it afterward.

Creative Add-On: Create a comic strip of “life without tech.”

Week 20: A Surprise in the Mailbox

Main Prompt: Write a story that starts with finding an unexpected letter or package in the mailbox.

Extension Prompt: Add clues throughout the story that lead to a surprise ending.

Real-Life Tie-In: Send a real letter or card to someone this week.

Creative Add-On: Design a creative envelope or “mystery” stamp.

Week 21: What Makes a Strong Community

Main Prompt: Describe what makes a town, school, church, or neighborhood strong and united.

Extension Prompt: Write about how you can help improve or serve your community.

Real-Life Tie-In: Do a simple service project with your family.

Creative Add-On: Make a poster or sign with a message to encourage your community.

Week 22: My Testimony – Sharing My Faith

Main Prompt: Write about how your faith in God shapes who you are.

Extension Prompt: Write a paragraph explaining what it means to follow Jesus.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk to a parent or pastor about their testimony.

Creative Add-On: Create a “faith journey” timeline with key moments or verses.

Week 23: If I Were an Inventor

Main Prompt: Invent something to make life easier or more fun, and explain how it works.

Extension Prompt: Write a funny story about what happens when someone misuses your invention.

Real-Life Tie-In: Research a famous inventor and what inspired them.

Creative Add-On: Design an ad or packaging for your invention.

Week 24: An Unforgettable Trip

Main Prompt: Write about a real or imaginary trip that was full of surprises.

Extension Prompt: Turn it into a travel guide for others who might want to visit.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look at old trip photos and write a reflection.

Creative Add-On: Create a mini scrapbook or “travel brochure” for your story destination.

Week 25: If I Had a Time Machine

Main Prompt: Where would you go—past or future—and why?

Extension Prompt: Write a story about one big event that happens during your time travel.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up a historical event you’d want to witness and write a fact about it.

Creative Add-On: Draw the inside or outside of your time machine.

Week 26: My Favorite Scripture Verse

Main Prompt: Choose a Bible verse you love and explain what it means to you.

Extension Prompt: Write about a time when this verse helped you or reminded you of truth.

Real-Life Tie-In: Write it on a card and post it somewhere you’ll see it every day.

Creative Add-On: Create a decorative verse art or scripture journal page.

Week 27: A Letter to Someone Who’s Helped Me

Main Prompt: Write a letter to someone who has influenced, helped, or encouraged you.

Extension Prompt: Share a specific memory or moment that impacted you.

Real-Life Tie-In: Mail or deliver your letter if possible.

Creative Add-On: Add a photo, drawing, or small gift to go with the letter.

Week 28: A World With No Rules

Main Prompt: What would happen if all the rules in the world disappeared for a day?

Extension Prompt: Write about how things go wrong—and how someone steps in to fix it.

Real-Life Tie-In: Talk about why some rules (home, school, God’s Word) are important.

Creative Add-On: Make a chart of “rules that help us” with drawings or doodles.

Week 29: What Does Courage Look Like?

Main Prompt: Write about a time you were brave or saw someone else be brave.

Extension Prompt: Create a fictional story with a character who shows courage in a hard situation.

Real-Life Tie-In: Read a short biography of someone known for courage (like a missionary or historical figure).

Creative Add-On: Design a “Bravery Medal” with a quote or phrase on it.

Week 30: The Mystery in the Attic

Main Prompt: You discover something unusual in the attic—what is it, and what happens next?

Extension Prompt: Add clues throughout the story and a twist ending.

Real-Life Tie-In: Interview a family member about what they keep stored in their attic or basement.

Creative Add-On: Draw a “mystery map” or blueprint of the attic scene.

Week 31: My Favorite Way to Relax

Main Prompt: What helps you unwind and recharge when you’re tired or stressed?

Extension Prompt: Write a guide to help someone else learn how to take a good break.

Real-Life Tie-In: Plan a short personal “reset” time this week.

Creative Add-On: Design a “relaxation kit” with pictures and ideas.

Week 32: The Character I Created

Main Prompt: Invent a completely new character—give them a name, backstory, and personality.

Extension Prompt: Write a short story where your character faces a challenge.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your story with someone and ask what they liked most about your character.

Creative Add-On: Draw a character profile sheet or sketch them in action.

Week 33: The Best Day I Can Remember

Main Prompt: Describe a day that brought you joy, peace, or fun—what made it special?

Extension Prompt: Write it as a story, including sounds, sights, and feelings.

Real-Life Tie-In: Tell a family member about this memory and ask about theirs.

Creative Add-On: Create a scrapbook-style journal page for the memory.

Week 34: What I Wish the World Knew

Main Prompt: If you could share one message with the whole world, what would it be and why?

Extension Prompt: Turn it into a speech or public announcement.

Real-Life Tie-In: Look up someone who used their voice to make a positive difference.

Creative Add-On: Create a mini poster or slogan for your message.

Week 35: What I've Learned About Myself This Year

Main Prompt: Reflect on how you've grown this school year—in learning, character, or faith.

Extension Prompt: Write a letter to your “start-of-the-year self” with encouragement and advice.

Real-Life Tie-In: Ask a parent or teacher what growth they've noticed in you.

Creative Add-On: Make a personal “highlight reel” with mini drawings or memories.

Week 36: My Writing Journey

Main Prompt: Reflect on all the writing you've done this year. What pieces were your favorites? What have you improved?

Extension Prompt: Choose one piece of writing from earlier this year and rewrite it with what you've learned.

Real-Life Tie-In: Share your portfolio or favorite piece with your family.

Creative Add-On: Make a writing award certificate for yourself and celebrate!