

# Journals

Journal writing is probably one of the easiest forms of writing for students. Unlike other forms of writing, there is no set format or expected content. It allows students a chance to express their ideas, experiences, and opinions in a non-threatening manner. Journal writing is not intended to be evaluated for spelling, punctuation, grammar, or even format. Instead, it gives students an opportunity to write freely. Encourage your students to draw a picture to go along with their writing.

The journal writing prompts ask students to imagine, picture, and share their thoughts and feelings. Each prompt begins with the start of a sentence in which students are to copy and complete using it as their topic sentence. Write each journal prompt on the board or overhead projector for to students to copy.



## Narrative

Draw a picture of one of your favorite memories. Share your picture with someone in your classroom. What is happening in this picture? Write a story about the experience in the picture. Be sure to use lots of details.



## Persuasive

Pretend that your family has just purchased a new puppy. You know the perfect name for this new dog, but you need to convince each of your family members to agree on that name. Write a letter to your family persuading them to select the name you chose.



## Descriptive

Take a walk outside your classroom. Take a piece of paper and a pencil and write down things that you observe as you take this walk. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you feel? What do you smell? Is there anything you've never noticed before?



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Something that always makes me smile is . . .

