



## **Ideas for Quick Writes**

### General

- Freewrite.
- Respond to a quote or proverb.
- Respond to a photograph, song, film clip, YouTube video, or TV news clip.
- Explain a math concept.
- Write about what you learned in class or what questions you still have (complete an “exit card”).

### Reading

- Respond to a newspaper article on a current/controversial event.
- Poetry: read and respond to a poem or write a description (e.g., a perfect day, a favorite place, a favorite food) and turn it into a poem.
- Read a letter sent in to an advice column (Miss Manners, Dear Caroline, Dear Prudence, Ask a Manager, etc.) and write a response. Then, read the columnist’s reply and compare it to yours!

### Workforce

- Read resumés or memos concerning employee performance and write about whom you would hire/fire.
- Respond to a visit from an employer or other speaker.

### Science

- Respond to a current newspaper article on a health- or science-related topic.
- Write about whether you would want to own an electric car.

### Social Studies

- “You Be the Judge” and write about how you would have responded to a significant or current Supreme Court case.
- Write about which freedom in the Bill of Rights you would be most/least willing to give up.
- Write about your aspirations after learning about Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.
- Read information and graphs about government salaries, soldiers’ pay, and social security benefits and write about where you would make budget cuts.
- Respond to a current newspaper article on a topic related to civics or culture.