

Writing Choices
Phase 3--National Day on Writing Project

Writing Choice	Examples and Resources
<p><u>1. Readers' Theatre:</u> This writing will take a fictional look at the topic you've chosen. How does your topic affect individuals and/or society? You'll create a cast of characters and tell their story through text. You'll want to have at least one character and at least one narrator to help tell the story. Your stance should come out loud and clear. When writing a reader's theatre, there are no costumes, sets, or props--only text. Find some friends to perform your readers' theatre, and include the typed and digital versions on your wiki page.</p>	<p>http://docs.google.com/ (Choose publish to the web when finished)</p> <p>http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.myebook.com/ (For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p> <p>http://www.teenink.com/ (Site just for teens to submit their work for submission to a teen magazine as well as on the web...make sure and check out their submission guidelines)</p> <p>http://www.cloud-canvas.com/ (If you want to add your own art work to your readers' theatre.)</p> <p>Record using any kind of camera and upload it to the web. Web based video editor WeVideo iMovie Windows Movie Maker</p>
<p><u>2. Original Poetry Collection:</u> This poetry collection should contain at least 5 original poems of substantial length. (Haiku are prohibited due to their short length.) Poetry should be accompanied by appropriate graphics, and there should be an audio podcast present for at least 2 poems. Also, submit at least one of your poems into an online contest or publication, such as <i>Teen Ink</i>.</p> <p>Student Example</p>	<p>http://docs.google.com/ (Choose publish to the web when finished)</p> <p>http://www.flipsnack.com/ http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.tikatok.com/create http://www.myebook.com/ (For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p> <p>http://www.teenink.com/ (Site just for teens to submit their work for submission to a teen magazine as well</p>

	<p>as on the web...make sure and check out their submission guidelines)</p> <p>www.voicethread.com (read and put pictures to your poem)</p> <p>http://www.cloud-canvas.com/ (If you want to add your own art work to your poem.)</p> <p>http://www.podomatic.com/ http://vocaroo.com/ http://audacity.sourceforge.net/</p> <p>Examples: http://issuu.com/poetry/docs/threepoems/9</p> <p>http://www.teenink.com/poetry/free_verse/article/38958/Daddys-Womb/</p> <p>http://voicethread.com/share/1239912/</p>
<p>3. Original Song: Write and create your own music! Using a tool such as Garage Band or Aviary, create music and lyrics that support your stance on your topic. If your team selects this option, also create an original and appropriate CD cover that corresponds to your song and the stance you've taken. As always, the stance of your team needs to be clearly evident in the lyrics as well as represented on the CD cover.</p> <p>Student Example</p> <p>Student Example</p> <p>Student Example</p>	<p>http://www.aviary.com/# (The audio editor is called Myna) http://www.soundzabound.com/ (Source for royalty free music, use your AEAMedia log in to access this site) www.jewelbeat.com These music tracks can be looped seamlessly & repeated to create a longer music track for your projects. Use these free music tracks & free sound effects for any production - advertising, education, videos, photos, YouTube...etc. You will need to link to our website (Jewelbeat.com) from yours, for example: <i>"Music by JewelBeat. Download your free music and free sound effects at www.jewelbeat.com."</i></p> <p>http://www.jamstudio.com/Studio/index.htm You will need to Apply for Grant (for education use) to get all the features. More advanced, but very cool. Help on the web via YouTube. Help page... http://www.youtube.com/user/jamstudiomusic</p> <p>Examples http://bit.ly/hdP4XK</p>

	http://www.aviary.com/artists/tred/creations/all_ok
<p>4. Original Business Letter: This task involves writing a business letter to someone who could make a difference regarding the issue you've selected. You will be expected to post the letter you've written on your wiki. Additionally, you'll send the letter to the individual you've identified after teammates have provided feedback and your teacher has proofread and approved your work. Your goal is to create awareness and prompt action about the issue in a way that supports your position. In the event that you receive a response, include the response to your letter as an attachment on the wiki as well. How this information is communicated to your person may vary (mail, blog, email, fax, etc.), depending on communication options for that person. Research the person and decide the best way to get their attention. Visiting his/her website, if one is available, would be one place to start this process.</p> <p>Student Example</p>	<p>E.g. Tom Harkin's contact info http://harkin.senate.gov/contact_opinion.cfm</p> <p>Contacting your city council members... Example: http://www.masoncity.net/pview.aspx?id=862&catID=58</p> <p>Contacting the President http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact</p> <p>Letters to the White House http://www.whitehouse.gov/video/Inside-the-White-House-Letters-to-the-President</p> <p>Example of a process..don't do what he does at the end of the video! :-) http://vimeo.com/channels/hd#17344901</p>
<p>5. Persuasive Speech: This task involves the creation of a persuasive speech sharing your stance on the topic you've selected. We would strongly encourage you to deliver this speech to a live [authentic] audience, such as another class; the school board; or a community group, such as the KC's or Lions Club. This page of your wiki should include both the typed and audio/video version of your speech. As always, your groups' stance should be clearly evident to your listeners. Because you're sharing actual research and reliable and authentic data, the sources should be mentioned during your 'talk.' [Minimum requirement: 3 minutes]</p>	<p>To publish your speech to the web http://docs.google.com/ (Choose publish to the web when finished)</p> <p>http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.myebook.com/ (For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p> <p>Upload video of you giving your talk.. www.vimeo.com</p> <p>http://flixtime.com/</p>

<p>Student Example</p>	<p>Upload your presentation with voiceover. www.voicethread.com</p>
<p>6. Debate: Imagine you are a host of a news talk show. Use the research you've compiled and posted on your 'arguments' page, along with research supporting the opposing view to develop your arguments for each side. Your interview should include at least three characters: the interviewer and a person on each side of the issue. Create an appropriate script for each person in the interview. But...you'll want your 'team' to win...so make sure your case is stronger than that of your opposition. Create an audio or video version of your debate to put on the site.</p>	<p>iMovie Windows Movie Maker</p> <p>www.voicethread.com (each interviewee creates an account and "comments")</p> <p>Record using a flip camera and upload it to the web (flipshare)</p>
<p>7. Public Service Announcement: A PSA is an advertisement intended to modify public attitudes by raising awareness or prompting action about specific issues. This writing task will require you to share your stance regarding the issue you've chosen in order to inform and educate others about their safety and health. It will be important to cite your sources, as the information you share should be based on research. You will be creating a script that will be video recorded and attached to the wiki page. PSAs are usually broadcast as "commercials," so the amount of time should reflect this characteristic. Video recordings should include both appropriate music and sound effects to enhance your message.</p>	<p>Upload your presentation with voiceover. www.voicethread.com</p> <p>Record using a flip camera and upload it to the web (flipshare)</p> <p>iMovie Windows Movie Maker</p> <p>Examples of PSAs http://saloproductions.com/public-service-announcements/psa-samples.php</p> <p>Developing a PSA http://www.adcouncil.org/default.aspx?id=34</p> <p>http://got.im/VYYx http://got.im/JSA</p>
<p>8. Calling All Bloggers! A blog is a tool used to communicate an individual</p>	<p>Blogs www.blogger.com</p>

<p>expert’s opinion or thoughts on a specific topic to a wide audience. Blogs allow others to respond to a person’s post. You will use a blog tool such as Wordpress [http://wordpress.org] or Blogger [https://www.blogger.com]. Teams submit 15 entries over time where they will be sharing their stance and views about the topic. You will communicate the existence of your blog with multiple people both within and outside of your school building, and respond to any comments. Embed your blog in the wiki, or include a link to your blog. Entries could allow you to share research found and pose questions to potential readers. <i>This will be a public blog.</i> [Minimum requirement: 15 entries of 150 words each]</p>	<p>www.wordpress.com http://edublogs.org/</p> <p>Example: http://kidblog.org/2017Purple/author/MeredithN/</p>
<p>9. Short Original Story: This task will take a fictional look at the topic you’ve chosen. How does your topic affect individuals and/or society? You’ll create characters, setting, conflict, plot, and find a resolution to the problem created. The conflict should directly relate to the topic you’ve selected. Be original and have fun with this! Include graphics and/or visuals to support your story. In addition to posting your story on the wiki, also submit it to an online contest or publication. [Minimum requirement: 500 words]</p> <p>Student Example</p> <p>Student Example</p> <p>Student Example</p>	<p>http://docs.google.com/ (Choose publish to the web when finished)</p> <p>http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.tikatok.com/create http://www.myebook.com/ (FFor multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p> <p>http://www.teenink.com/ (Site just for teens to submit their work for submission to a teen magazine as well as on the web...make sure and check out their submission guidelines)</p> <p>http://www.cloud-canvas.com/ (If you want to add your own art work to your poem.)</p> <p>Examples http://www.teenink.com/fiction/action_adventure/article/46724/Opulence/ http://www.scribd.com/full/6671618?access_key=key-1g8jyr21s24g32sot37z</p>

10. Talk Show Interview: Pretend you're sitting across the CNN desk from a national correspondent and come up with some questions and appropriate responses to the questions he's going to ask you about your topic OR...you might be sitting on the set with NBC's Matt Lauer. What would he ask, and how would you respond? This should be based on research, and you may want to impersonate an expert and refer to any resources that support your responses. This wiki page should include both the script and a video version of the interview. Find a classmate to play the part of the talk show interviewer!

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<http://docs.google.com/> (Choose publish to the web when finished)

<http://www.yudu.com/>

<http://issuu.com/>

<http://www.scribd.com/>

<http://www.myebook.com/>

(For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)

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Record using a [flip camera](#) and upload it to the web (flipshare)

[iMovie](#)

[Windows Movie Maker](#)

11. Picture Book or Ebook:

If this is the option you've chosen to tackle, your creative juices are going to flow! Create a picture book using a drawing program on the computer, paper and markers, or an online tool such as Ebook.

[<http://www.myebook.com/index.php>] See an example here:

www.myebook.com/index.php?option=ebook&id=36098.

Your task is to communicate your stance on your topic.

We ask that you read your picture book aloud to an appropriate audience, video record the reading, and then attach it to the wiki. Your picture book should be included on your wiki for others to see. [Minimum requirement: 10 pages]

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<http://www.yudu.com/>

<http://issuu.com/>

<http://www.scribd.com/>

<http://www.tikatok.com/create>

<http://www.myebook.com/>

(For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)

Examples

<http://www.myebook.com/index.php?option=ebook&id=57490>

<http://bit.ly/dGPmLF>

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<p>12. Comic Book: Become cartoonists! Using the research you've collected, share your side of the issue using creativity to drive home your point. Your comic book should tell a story related to your issue over time. If you choose to do your comic strip online, you could use, but are not limited to, the following resources: Comic Life, [http://comiclfe.com] or Pixton [http://www.pixton.com].</p>	<p>http://www.toondoo.com/ http://www.artisancam.org.uk/flashapps/superactioncomicmaker/comicmaker.php?PHPSESSID=f5c3b9a9df3b7450ff4dd808674235af http://www.befunky.com/ http://comiclfe.com http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/</p> <p>http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.tikatok.com/create http://www.myebook.com/ (For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p>
<p>13. Local News Reporter: Create a news report based on the research you've found. Your team's stance on the topic should be embedded in the news story. Imagine yourself as a journalist, standing in front of the camera relaying the news to your anxious audience. You should include the script you'll be reading from as well as the video recording of your story. News stories are usually 3-5 minutes in length.</p> <p>Student Example</p> <p>Student Example</p>	<p>http://docs.google.com/ (Choose publish to the web when finished)</p> <p>http://www.yudu.com/ http://issuu.com/ http://www.scribd.com/ http://www.myebook.com/ (For multiple pages and graphics, allows for page turning)</p> <p>http://www.teenink.com/ (Site just for teens to submit their work for submission to a teen magazine as well as on the web...make sure and check out their submission guidelines)</p> <p>http://www.cloud-canvas.com/ (If you want to add your own art work to your readers' theatre.)</p> <p>Record using a flip camera and upload it to the web (flipshare) iMovie Windows Movie Maker</p>
<p>14. Featured Speaker: Create a slide show presentation where you express your viewpoint and share the research</p>	<p>Upload your presentation with voiceover. www.voicethread.com</p>

you've found. Imagine you're the expert in front of a podium. 'WOW' the audience! Your final product should include the slide show and a recording of you presenting it to an actual audience. Possible tools that can be used to record your slide show and your audio include VoiceThread, GarageBand, or Jing.

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15. Your Choice! If your team would like to complete a project not listed here, please have your idea approved by either Heather, Melissa, or Becky prior to creating.