

# Research Writing Prompts

Students should also produce research-based writing by reading books on a topic and writing a report, recording science observations, or using provided materials to answer a question.

1. **Turtle Power.** Why do turtles have shells?
2. **Digging Dinosaurs.** Choose your favorite dinosaur and write a report including interesting facts about it.
3. **Under the Sea.** Learn more about one interesting animal that lives in the ocean. Write a paper about what you learned.
4. **Places for People.** Choose a unique home (such as an igloo or a mud hut) and explain why it's suited for the environment in which it is found.
5. **Space.** Choose one of the planets in our solar system and give five interesting facts about it.
6. **Science.** Write an observation from a recent science lesson such as how plants grow or what makes up the water cycle.
7. **Famous people.** Write a report about someone you are studying in your current history lessons.
8. **How Is It Made?** Choose an everyday object (like LEGO bricks or toilet paper) and find out how it's made.
9. **Desert Dwellers.** Pick an animal that lives in the desert and write 3-5 interesting facts about it.
10. **Creepy Crawlies.** What is the difference between arachnids and insects?
11. **Where in the World?** Choose a state or country to research. Include 3-5 facts about the place in your report.
12. **What's the Difference?** Choose two similar animals, such as a horse and a mule, a crocodile and an alligator, or a leopard and a cheetah. Explain how to tell them apart.
13. **Sleep Habits.** Some animals sleep standing up. Bats sleep hanging upside down. Birds sleep in trees. Choose an animal, bat, or bird and explain how they sleep without falling.