

Additional Writing Resources

Writing can be a difficult skill to master. It takes a lot of time, planning, and effort to create quality pieces. Many times, students struggle to organize their ideas and this can cause their writing to be disorganized or it might lack detail. The key is the pre-writing process.

This link will give you viewing access to the same graphic organizers we use in class. **To print this document at home**, go to the “file”, drop-down menu, then “make a copy”.

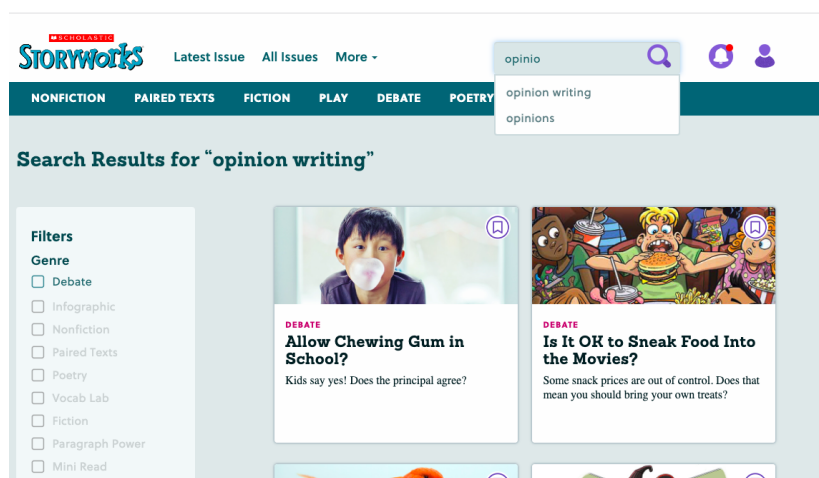
Please pay close attention to the slide that has a section for prompts and brainstorming. I have students brainstorm everything they can think about on the prompt for 2 minutes. No idea is too small or silly. Once they're done, circle or highlight the top three ideas they want to work with. This will give them a starting point.

Where to get prompts:

The [Story Starters from Scholastic](#) is a good resource for narrative writing.

[Scholastic Storyworks](#), Use password **colts34**

Type into the search menu, Opinion Writing, and this will bring up all of Scholastic's opinion articles. These are great resources because they offer a debate and present both sides. This will allow students to provide evidence for their side.



For non-fiction topics, I suggest using [Newsela](#) for free articles on current events. [Wonderopolis](#) is another good resource and students can choose a topic that interests them.

[YouTube Channel- Great Big Story](#) gives 5 minutes videos on interesting topics from around the world. They might use these topics as a launching point for more research.

You can also purchase writing workbooks from Lakeshore Learning, but the resources above are all free.