

Cursive Videos

<http://theconversation.com/why-cursive-handwriting-needs-to-make-a-school-comeback-121645>

Optional-

<https://www.thoughtco.com/3rd-grade-writing-prompts-4172725>

Opinion Pieces

OREO— opinion, reason, evidence

linking words (e.g. because, therefore, since, for example)

Opinion Essay Writing Prompts

When writing an [opinion essay](#), students should clearly state their opinion, then back it up with sound reasons and facts. Opinion essays should close the essay with a concluding paragraph and a summary of the argument.

1. **Be a Friend.** What does it mean to be a good friend?
2. **Growing Up or Down.** Would you rather be older than you are right now or younger? Why?
3. **Hello?** Some kids in 3rd grade have cell phones. Do you? Do you think that's good or bad?
4. **Best Pets.** Which animal makes the best pet? Give at least three reasons for your opinion.

5. **Tattletale.** If you saw one of your friends doing something that you knew was wrong, should you tell on them? Why or why not?
6. **School Favorites.** What do you think is the best subject in school? What makes it the best?

Informative Writing

Monday - Descriptive

Tuesday- Chronological Order

Wed- Compare and Contrast

Thurs- Cause and Effect

Friday- Problem and Solution

Details using linking words (e.g. also, another, more, but)

Cite evidence by page number and paragraph.

Informative essays introduce a topic, explain a process, or describe an idea, then provide facts, definitions, and details. Students should organize related information into paragraphs in order to write the most logical essay possible. Remember that they should also include introductory and concluding paragraphs.

1. **Real Superheroes.** Superheroes in movies and comics can do some pretty amazing things, but think

of someone you consider to be a real-life hero. What do (or did) they do that makes them a hero?

2. **Liar, Liar.** Someone told your best friend a lie about you and your friend believed them. Explain how you'd handle the situation.
3. **Student Teacher.** Think of something that you found difficult to do at first (such as multiplication or tying your shoes), but that you now understand. Explain the process so that someone else could learn to do it.
4. **Holidays.** What is your favorite holiday? Explain how you celebrate it.

Narrative Writing- text structure

STORY stands for - setting, talking characters using dialogue, PLOT, attempts to resolve, Yes- happy ending

Narrative essays tell a story based on real or imagined events. Students should use descriptive writing and dialogue to tell their tale.

1. **Scary Stuff.** Think of something that scares you and explain what makes it so frightening.

2. **Grouchy Pants.** Describe a day when you were grouchy. What made you so grumpy and how did you get in a better mood?
3. **School Rules.** If you could make a new school rule, what would it be? How would your rule change an average day at school?
4. **Snappy Travel.** Imagine you could snap your fingers and be anywhere else in the world. Write about where you'd go.
5. **Family Tales.** What is the most interesting story that a family member has ever told you about their life?

Ask your parents if you can use Grammarly.

Grammarly to improve the paragraphs you are writing. One paragraph a day of your choice or on what you are learning each day.

https://www.grammarly.com/?utm_medium=content&utm_source=chNavButton

Cornell Notes

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/third-grade-writing/>

Research Writing Prompts

Students in 3rd grade can conduct simple research projects that build on their knowledge about a topic. They should use digital and print media to explore the topic, take simple notes, and create a basic outline before beginning the writing process.

1. **State History.** What is the history of your state? Research the history and write an essay about one key event in your state's past.
2. **Marsupials.** Marsupials are animals who carry their babies in pouches. With the exception of the opossum, all marsupials live in Australia. Choose one of them to learn more about.
3. **Insects.** They may be small, but insects play an important role in our environment. Choose an insect to research and write an essay about its characteristics.
4. **Jaws!** Are [Great White sharks](#) really man-eaters? Research this question and write an essay about your answer.