



EdTech Tips

Journal Prompts

CanTeach

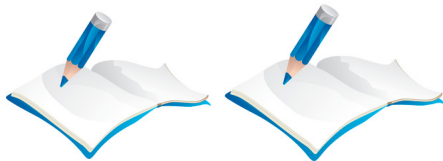
CanTeach provides a list of over 100 writing prompts.

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/prompts.html>

Journal Buddies

Journal Buddies posts in blog format seasonally relevant journal writing prompts.

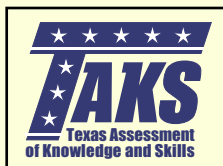
http://journalbuddies.com/category/journal_prompts__journal_topics/



Multiple Choice Practice



Try using Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills 2009 released test, or Georgia's CRCT Language Arts test as a practice for the VA Writing SOL test. The tests include multiple-choice questions, and Texas includes a writing prompt.



Texas - <http://tinyurl.com/88wgh8v>

Georgia - <http://tinyurl.com/7mhmqvr>

The Writing Test

The writing test will soon be upon us. As we prepare for the test, we are tasked to engage students in a variety of ways to promote good writing habits. When testing begins, we send positive thoughts out to our students and hope that the lessons we have guided them through have

positively impacted their writing ability.

Hopefully, you will find some tools in this issue that will provide a little extra push, or different point of view that will help your students elevate their writing.



ELEMENTARY TEST PREP



Teachers from New York provide English and Language Arts

lessons, practice activities, interactive games, and teacher resources.



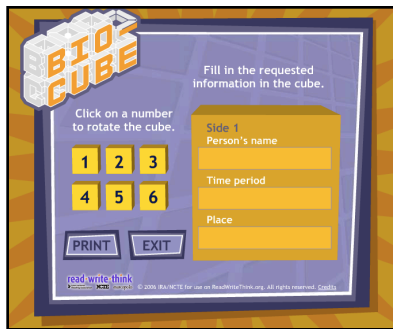
Topics include:

- Word Analysis & Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Literary Response & Analysis
- Writing Conventions
- Writing Skills
- Research Skills

[HTTP://STUDYZONE.ORG/TESTPREP/ELA4.CFM](http://studyzone.org/testprep/ELA4.CFM)



INTERACTIVE RESOURCES: READWRITETHINK.ORG



ReadWriteThink.org provides access to SMART or station ready activities. Students can create printable essay organizers, or teachers can print black-line masters for copying and use in the classroom.



RWT covers a variety of writing genres using a step-by-step process through which guides students through the writing process.

Teachers can view lesson plans that use the interactives and are correlated to national standards.

BioCube: Students fill in fields to create a paper cube that they can construct.

Essay Map: Students generate concept maps to organize essays.



Daily Practice

Florida's Brevard County Public Schools has created a resource book containing 100 daily lessons categorized by language arts skill. Multiple choice questions are provided for each of the following skills:

- Spelling
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Sentence Combining

Use the question sets as your warm up activities or as daily assessments.

www.brevard.k12.fl.us/portals/teachers/documents/Extreme%20Makeover%204th%20Grade.pdf

REFERENCE MATERIALS PRACTICE, LESSONS, AND SITES

Dictionary Guide Words

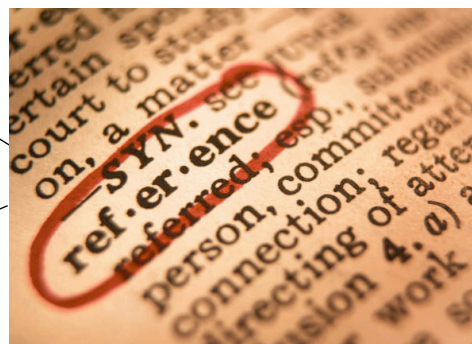
A detailed dictionary skills lesson plan with printable support documents.

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/2850>

Using Dictionary Entries

A basic introduction to dictionary entry layouts.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/00-2/lp2186.shtml



The World Almanac

Eight printable pages that students can use with the World Almanac.

<http://tinyurl.com/7vkoxlh>

SMART Thesaurus

Check out some of Bridgeport Independent School District's downloadable SMART lessons for thesaurus use as well as other ELA topics!

<http://tinyurl.com/859b4tm>



SADLIER PHONICS

Sadlier-Oxford Educational Publishing has developed SMART and station-ready activities for grades K-6. Sadlier's activity library covers topics such as letter recognition, vowel sounds, digraphs, prefixes, antonyms, and analogies.

[HTTP://WWW.SADLIER-OXFORD.COM/PHONICS/STUDENT.CFM](http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/phonics/student.cfm)