

# Common Core Writing Examples

## SS Informational Explanatory

- Research a country and write a five paragraph report
- Developing a formative assessment, which incorporates specific grade level content vocabulary.
- Research paper on any topic dealing with psychology.
- Creating a brochure that highlights certain places or regions
- Create a flag that represents a region or area-kids have to explain each color or symbol or design.
- Students reading and rereading their own responses for the purpose of rewriting.
- Economics-Research the auto, lumbering, agricultural industry.
- Essay Questions on tests (1 or 2 paragraphs) that require students to recall and explain/describe/retell historical figures or events.
- Movement within the US, explain one studied.
- Immigration, research on your family.
- Biographical Research Reports
- Animal Reports/Riddles
- Require Students to attach writing, pre planning activities to constructed responses on summative evaluations.
- Students read a news article and write a one paragraph summary and one paragraph taking a stand or voicing their opinion on the issue.

## SS Narrative

- Having students read each others' written responses
- Life as a Voyageur or a fur trader or Native American
- Create a timeline and write about the ordered events
- Orphan Train/Moving West
- Writing Assignment, Prehistory, Student writes in 1<sup>st</sup> person, where are you, who are you with, what are you doing, what are you eating? Meets 7<sup>th</sup> grade #3: Write narrative to engage reader.
- Point of view papers-people or events. I.e. perspective of slaves
- Creating a letter about people, places, and events
- Retell school routines.
- Field trip summary/response

## SS Argument

- Physical Characteristics – opinion piece on strip mining or logging.
- 3 little pigs vs. True Story of the Three Little Pigs who do you believe?
- Summer school. Should we go to school in the summer?

- Persuasive letter to the king for no more taxes.
- Persuasive letter from the perspective of a loyalist to a patriot.
- Using concept/semantic maps to assist student in formulating constructed response including social studies curriculum.
- Using a graphic organizer, tell about the issues and list details about that issue. Students should have something written before they start their writing assignment.
- Simple opinion paper that states an opinions with reasons and details.
- If I were..... (the mayor)
- I would be the best student council representative because.....
- Should Statements.... Should we be allowed to chew gum in school? Support your opinion.
- Should project/written... Should bike helmets be required?
- Essay Questions on tests that require students to take a stance on a historical issue. Can give students a list of specific vocabulary words that they need to incorporate into writing.
- Students read a news article and write a one paragraph summary and one paragraph taking a stand or voicing their opinion on the issue.