

4th Grade Writing Prompts

Unit 1

Unit 1.1-Detectives are fun to read about. What is your favorite mystery story or movie? Tell about it, and write to convince your friend as to why they should read or watch that story as well. (Opinion)

Unit1.2-Some animals have to adapt to live in harsh conditions in order to survive. Think about a living creature that must adapt to survive. Give a description of how they adapt, and why. (Informative/Explanatory)

Unit 1.3-There are many endangered animals in our world. Which endangered animal would you most like to see survive? Write to explain why. (Informative/Explanatory)

Unit 1.4-Outer Space is mysterious and interesting. If you could travel anywhere in outer space where would it be? Write about what you would want to see and where you would go. (Narrative)

Unit 1.5-Wild animals are very different from house pets. They need to be treated differently. Think about how life is different for wild animals. Now pretend you are a wild animal and write about life from your point of view. (Narrative)

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Unit 2

Unit 2.1- Sporting events are fun to watch. Think about your favorite event to play or watch. Write a letter to convince your friends that they should go to a game with you. (Opinion)

Unit 2.2- Traveling is fun, but you live in a pretty great place! Write an ad to persuade people to visit your hometown. Give descriptions of three places that tourists would enjoy visiting. (Opinion)

Unit 2.3- You are visiting a museum in a different country. Think about the beautiful things you see. Tell the story of your trip to the museum, write a journal entry about your visit. (Narrative)

Unit 2.4- We have many inventions that make our lives easier like the washing machine and the telephone. Think about a problem you would like an invention to solve. Create a solution and describe your invention. (Narrative)

Unit 2.5- Reptiles are fascinating creatures. Name a reptile you want to see at the zoo. Tell about why this reptile is interesting to you and give some facts about this creature. (Informative/Explanatory)

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Unit 3

Unit 3.1-At some time or another everyone needs help. Imagine a scene where you were in great trouble. Write to tell about it. (Narrative)

Unit 3.2-Martin Luther King was a peaceful leader who fought against injustice in our country. Segregation was a problem. Imagine if you lived in this time in our history and you were segregated against because of your color or religion. Write to tell of the injustices you might face. (Narrative)

Unit 3.3-There have been many problems and social injustices throughout our history. Think about the problems children across the world face even today. Write to explain some of the problems that you know about. (Explanatory)

Unit 3.4-Following instructions can be hard, but from it we can learn responsibility. Think of a time when you didn't follow instructions and write about the problems that came from it. Write to explain the problems that come from not following instructions. (Explanatory)

Unit 3.5-Some people have a passion for collecting. If you could collect something, what would it be? Could you dedicate your life to this passion? Would it inspire others? Explain why your collection is best and how you might use it to make the world a better place. (Opinion)

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Unit 4

Unit 4.1- Animals with bad behavior can be a danger to themselves and society. Think of a pet you know. Explain how its behavior can help its owner or get the pet in trouble. (Narrative)

Unit 4.2-Challenges can make us stronger. Think about a challenge you have had in your life. Explain how you have overcome a weakness to make you stronger. (Explanatory/Informative)

Unit 4.3: Energy is an important resource. Think about how your life would be without energy. Explain how you and your family could conserve energy better. (explanatory/informative)

Unit 4.4: There are many endangered species. You are on a committee to build a wildlife sanctuary. Write about your favorite endangered species and why you would work to protect it. (Opinion)

Unit 4.5: What sea creature interests you the most? Think about why you like it. Share your opinion on that animal and tell why it is the best. (opinion)

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Unit 5

Unit 5.1: Think about a good friend or classmate. Brainstorm how you are alike and different. Explain how you are alike and how you are different.

(Explanatory/Informative)

Unit 5.2: The arts are a fun way to learn about new things. Think about a play you have read or watched recently. What was your favorite scene and why should your friends go see this play? (Opinion)

Unit 5.3: Pretend you are an ocean animal. Think about your underwater home. Explain what you see and how you feel. (Explanatory/Informative)

Unit 5.4: Suppose your friend is a great artist. He or she has invited you to their art exhibit. Tell the story of your day at the exhibit and how you feel about your friend. (Narrative)

Unit 5.5: Suppose you could adopt a wild horse. Think about what it takes to take care of an animal. Write to describe your experience with adopting the horse and how it would change your life. (Narrative)

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Unit 6

Unit 6.1- Suppose that you are a miner who has traveled far from home to look for gold. Think about what your new home would be like and what would be different about your new lifestyle. Write a letter giving your opinion about whether your life is better now, or before you moved. (Opinion)

Unit 6.2- Wild animals are very different from house pets. Think about the animals you have read about. Write to explain the differences between a wild animal's life and a house pet's life. (Explanatory/Informative)

Unit 6.3- The past gives us clues to our present life. Think about what is different now than when your parents were young. Explain why discovering and studying the past is important. (Explanatory/Informative)

Unit 6.4- Since the invention of the airplane our lives have dramatically changed. Think about what could be different if we didn't have them. Imagine how you think people's lives would change if there were no airplanes. Write a story about life with no air travel. (Narrative)

Unit 6.5- How would it be to live underground like an ant? Think about how life would be different. Write to describe what daily life would be like living underground like an ant or another animal that lives underground. (Narrative)