

Journal Prompts

UNIT 2

Unit 2, Week 1, Day 1

“Boom Town”

Write about how you can make money now. Then tell how it is different from how adults make money.

Unit 2, Week 1, Day 2

“Boom Town”

Write a paragraph
telling how a parent or
adult you know earns
money.

Unit 2, Week 1, Day 3

“Boom Town”

Write about two new businesses that Amanda describes. Who started them and what did they offer?

Unit 2, Week 1, Day 4

“Boom Town”

Write a letter to a favorite store near where you live. Explain why you like them and how they meet your needs.

Unit 2, Week 1, Day 5

“Boom Town”

Amanda's father sings songs about being a miner and about Amanda's bakery business. Write a song about the business of someone you know.

Unit 2, Week 2, Day 1

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Use words that appeal to a reader’s sense of touch and sight to describe a butterfly.

Unit 2, Week 2, Day 2

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Write a paragraph telling why or why not butterflies are important to our environment.

Unit 2, Week 2, Day 3

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Write a list of all the facts you have learned about raising butterflies.

Unit 2, Week 2, Day 4

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Tell how your class
could raise money
and help nature.

Unit 2, Week 2, Day 5

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Pretend that you visited a butterfly farm. Write a postcard telling about your visit.

Unit 2, Week 3, Day 1

“Coasting to California”

Write a paragraph describing what kind of village you would like to build.

Unit 2, Week 3, Day 2

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Write a paragraph describing why you think Chinese immigrants tried to hold on to their culture.

Unit 2, Week 3, Day 3

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Write about another culture you would like to learn about and why.

Unit 2, Week 3, Day 4

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Describe changes you
have seen in your
community, city, or
school.

Unit 2, Week 3, Day 5

“Home-Grown Butterflies”

Imagine you are moving to a new country.
Describe parts of your culture you would bring with you.

Unit 2, Week 4, Day 1

“Here’s My Dollar”

Write about a time when you helped someone. How did you feel? How do you think the other person felt?

Unit 2, Week 4, Day 2

“Here’s My Dollar”

Imagine your class is volunteering at an animal shelter. Write a paragraph describing what your classmates can do and why.

Unit 2, Week 4, Day 3

“Here’s My Dollar”

Write about a person
who helped you in
some way.

Unit 2, Week 4, Day 4

“Here’s My Dollar”

Imagine that you are Angel and you are on a TV talk show. Write what you would tell the audience.

Unit 2, Week 4, Day 5

“Here’s My Dollar”

Write about volunteer work that you would enjoy. Explain why you would enjoy it.

Unit 2, Week 5, Day 1

“A Castle on Viola Street”

Write about how a person in the community has helped your family.

Unit 2, Week 5, Day 2

“A Castle on Viola Street”

Describe something
you could do to help a
neighbor.

Unit 2, Week 5, Day 3

“A Castle on Viola Street”

Write a thank-you note to a neighbor or other person in your community who helped you or your family.

Unit 2, Week 5, Day 4

“A Castle on Viola Street”

Suppose that you are a parent in *A Castle on Viola Street*. Write about why you want a house.

Unit 2, Week 5, Day 5

“A Castle on Viola Street”

Write a letter from Andy to his friend telling about the new home and the work his family did to get it.