

## Informative/Expository Writing Skills: Adding Supporting Detail

**Directions:** Throughout this school year, one of the central writing skills we have focused on is generating and adding supporting details. Experienced writers are able to carefully investigate a writing prompt, brainstorm ideas, and generate writing that has strong supporting information. One of the ways that we often practice this skill in the English classroom is through writing warm ups.

Every day, please select one writing prompt from the following list and complete this writing prompt as if it were one of our classroom writing warm ups. This would include creating a heading, a small brainstorming chart, and then completing the paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence. As we often discuss in class, each of these writing warm ups should take you about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. In this process, please also consider reviewing your writing each day and making additional revisions to enhance your paragraph(s).

Again, I would like you to practice writing one **different** prompt each day; thus, if we miss five days of school, I would like you to answer five prompts, if we miss ten days of school, I would like you to answer ten prompts, etc. You may write each response in a journal, on a separate sheet of paper, in a word document, or any other format of your choice as long as you have a method of organizing and storing all this writing and are prepared to turn in each response upon our return to school.

### Writing Prompt Options

1. Write about someone you care about and explain why they are so important to you.
2. Write about one of your favorite sports or hobbies, explaining why it is your favorite.
3. Write about a character from a book that you would enjoy meeting and explain your reasoning.
4. If you were able to travel into the future, what would you do? Identify and explain your plans.
5. Do you think that social media is a positive thing? Identify and explain your answer.
6. Identify and explain why honesty is so important in any type of relationship.
7. Identify and explain what you feel is your greatest accomplishment in your life.
8. Identify and explain some of the things you feel are most difficult or challenging about being in middle school.
9. Identify a new national holiday that you feel should be created based on a person or event. Explain your reasoning for creating this holiday.
10. Who do you admire most in history? Identify and explain your answer.
11. Does being fair mean treating everyone exactly the same? Identify and explain your answer.
12. In your opinion, which scientific discovery or invention has changed the world the most. Identify and explain your answer.
13. What is the best thing you've done this year? Identify and explain your answer.
14. Which season of the year do you like best? Identify and explain your answer.
15. If you could travel to any place in the world, where would you go and why? Identify and explain your answer.

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Video Production – Telecommunications Courses

## Video Planning

**Directions:** Planning is one of the most important steps in any type of project. In the world of video production, many feel that you cannot begin a project without a camera; however, the first step is always to plan. For this assignment, you are to plan THREE potential projects that you may begin filming upon your return to school. As you begin this process, consider all of the strategies that you have learned and practiced in your time of video production. Consider drawing inspiration from television, film, music, or a source such as YouTube. You also may consider thinking about some of the projects that gave you the most success and designing a new project that utilizes a similar structure, effect, editing technique, etc.

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