

First Grade Summer Writing Prompts

- ❖ Where is your favorite place to go during the summer?
- ❖ Write about your ideal summer day. What does it include?
- ❖ What is your favorite family summer tradition?
- ❖ Choose five words to describe your summer. Why does each word fit your experience?
- ❖ Plan a “stay-cation” for the last week of summer. What will you do?
- ❖ Did you spend much time with friends this summer? What did you do together?
- ❖ What is the best way to celebrate the end of summer?
- ❖ What is your favorite summer memory?
- ❖ How did you spend most of your summer?
- ❖ Do you get to stay up late during the summer? What do you do with the extra time?
- ❖ Have you ever gone to a summer camp? What was it like? If you haven’t been to a summer camp, write a fictional story about your ideal experience.
- ❖ How do you prepare to go back to school?
- ❖ What are you most excited to do when school starts?
- ❖ How did you spend the Fourth of July?
- ❖ How do you feel when summer ends?
- ❖ What did you do on the first day of summer?
- ❖ What would you do if summer lasted all year long?
- ❖ Write a poem describing the last day of summer.

- ❖ Have you ever had a summer job or done something to make money during the summer? Write about your experience or brainstorm money-making vacation ideas.
- ❖ What are the best summer activities in our town?
- ❖ How many times did you go swimming this summer? Write about your favorite memory at the pool.
- ❖ Plan a different fun thing to do for each day of the last week of summer, and write about your experiences at the end of each day.
- ❖ Write a story about your summer. Include your favorite memories and lots of descriptions.
- ❖ How does this summer compare to other summers?
- ❖ Did you go on vacation this summer? Where did you go? What did you do?
- ❖ What is your favorite thing to do outside during the summer?
- ❖ What are the key ingredients of a memorable summer?
- ❖ How are the beginning and the end of summer different from one another?
- ❖ How would school vacations be different if they took place during the winter instead of the summer?
- ❖ How will you spend the rest of the summer?
- ❖ What do you feel on the night before school starts?
- ❖ Think of three fun summer activities. Can you do any of them before the school year starts?
- ❖ If you could spend a summer anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?
- ❖ What is your favorite summer holiday?
- ❖ Does your family have any special rules during the summer?
- ❖ What do you like to do on the last day of summer?
- ❖ Are you looking forward to going back to school?

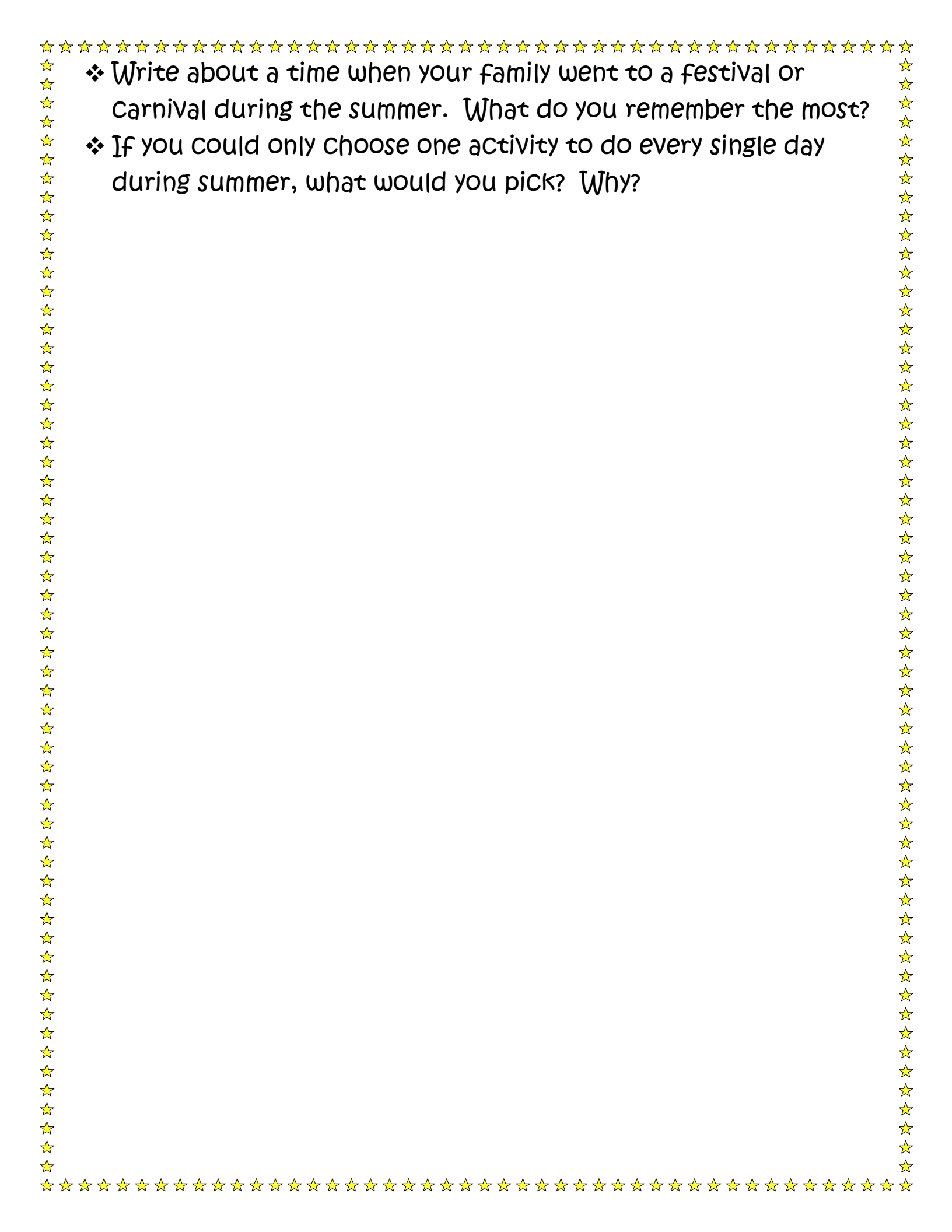
- ❖ Write a poem that celebrates summer.
- ❖ What is your favorite summer treat?
- ❖ Is it better to be inside or outside during the summer?
- ❖ Write a letter to a family member describing your summer. Don't forget to ask what he or she did!
- ❖ What are some special things to do during the summer?
- ❖ What is the best part of summer?
- ❖ Should teachers assign summer homework? Why or why not?
- ❖ How do you know when summer has arrived?
- ❖ What is the most exciting thing you did all summer?
- ❖ What does it feel like when summer starts to end?
- ❖ Which summer month is best? Why?
- ❖ Did you keep a journal this summer? Why or why not? If so, did it help you remember your favorite events?
- ❖ Write about summer using all five senses to describe the way you feel during the season.
- ❖ Think of a word to describe summer and describe how the word makes you feel.
- ❖ Did you ever get bored during the summer? What did you do to fix it?
- ❖ What is the happiest day you experienced during the summer? Why does the memory stand out?
- ❖ Does your family have different rules or routines during the summer? Explain what changes at home and what stays the same.
- ❖ Describe your ideal summer day from start to finish. Use as much detail as you can.
- ❖ If you could take one part of summer vacation and make it last all year long, which part would you choose? Why?
- ❖ Would you rather go swimming in the ocean or in a pool? Why?

- ❖ If summer were a person, what type of personality would he or she have?
- ❖ Describe summer using each of your five senses. What does summer look like? Sound like? Taste like? Feel like? Smell like?
- ❖ Write a story about a summer that never ends.
- ❖ Is summer your favorite season? Why or why not? How does it compare to other parts of the year?
- ❖ If you could travel anywhere in the world this summer, where would you want to go? Why? What would you do there?
- ❖ Write about the different phases of summer (June, July, August or beginning, middle, and end) and explain what you like about each one.
- ❖ What is one thing you could do this summer to make yourself a better student in the fall? How would this help you to improve?
- ❖ Think of one thing you can commit to doing this summer to make yourself a better person. Start doing it and then write about your experience in a reflective journal entry.
- ❖ Would you rather spend a fun day visiting lots of exciting places or enjoy time hanging out at home? Why?
- ❖ Do you spend any time studying over the summer? Why or why not?
- ❖ Who are you most excited to spend time with this summer? What will you do together?
- ❖ Write a poem describing the way summer makes you feel.
- ❖ Are you more likely to be found playing indoors or outdoors this summer? What activities do you do in each place?
- ❖ Do you get to stay up late during the summer? Why or why not?
- ❖ What is your favorite summer treat? What makes it so delicious?
- ❖ Would you rather spend a summer day at the park, at the beach, or on vacation? Why? What would you do there?

- ❖ Write a story about a summer in which it inexplicably snows every day.
- ❖ What is the most interesting thing you've ever done over summer vacation?
- ❖ What is your favorite thing to do with friends in the summer? What makes this activity so fun?
- ❖ List three things you'd like to accomplish this summer. How will you make sure they get done?
- ❖ What is your favorite outdoor summer activity?
- ❖ What is the best way to spend the first day of summer?
- ❖ What is your happiest summer memory?
- ❖ Write a "day-in-the-life" profile about yourself and your typical summer day.
- ❖ Do you prefer summer mornings, afternoons, or nights? Why? What is special about each one?
- ❖ Write a story about a group of kids who have an exciting summer adventure.
- ❖ Does time move slower in summer or during the school year? Why?
- ❖ What do you feel when summer is almost over? Are you sad, or do you feel excited to go back to school and start a brand new year?
- ❖ Does summer feel different than other seasons to you? Why or why not?
- ❖ Do you ever miss going to school during the summer? Why or why not?
- ❖ Does your family have any summer traditions? What makes them special?
- ❖ July is National Ice Cream Month. How will you be celebrating this important holiday?

- ❖ Do you prefer having a single three-month-long summer vacation, or would you rather have the time away from school broken up more frequently throughout the year? Why?
- ❖ Imagine that you and your friends are going to build the world's largest sandcastle. What kinds of rooms would you put inside? What cool features would the castle have?
- ❖ Pretend that you are a tour guide for someone who is visiting your city for the first time. What would you do to show them around?
- ❖ Would you rather spend time indoors or outdoors during the summer? Why?
- ❖ What part of summer do you look forward to the most every year? Why?
- ❖ Have you ever gone to summer camp? What did you like about it? If not, what type of summer camp would you want to attend?
- ❖ Go outside and spend 15 minutes thinking about what you can see, smell, hear, feel, and taste during the summer. Then, write about your favorite ways to experience these senses.
- ❖ What is your favorite summer holiday? What do you like most about it?
- ❖ Write a story about three kids who get to experience a never-ending summer.
- ❖ Do your parents let you stay up later during the summer? Why or why not? If so, what do you like to do with the extra time?
- ❖ If you could travel anywhere in the world this summer, where would you go? What would you do there?
- ❖ Write about your favorite 4th of July memory. What made that holiday so special?

- ❖ Do you ever spend time studying during the summer? What do you try to learn?
- ❖ Would you rather be way too hot or way too cold? Why?
- ❖ Go outside to your backyard and pretend that you are an explorer. Try to examine everything up close and from a different perspective. Then, come back inside and write about what you learned.
- ❖ During the summer, how often do you get to see your friends from school?
- ❖ What is your favorite thing to do with your friends during the summer?
- ❖ Write about three of your favorite things to do around town during the summer. Then, see if your parents will take you to one of them and write about your experience when you return home.
- ❖ What is your favorite thing about the warmer weather?
- ❖ Write about your favorite summer activity (such as going to the beach, setting off fireworks, or getting treats from the ice cream truck). What do you love most about it?
- ❖ What is the coolest place you've ever visited? What do you love about it?
- ❖ Write a poem about your thoughts on the sun. What do you appreciate about the sun? When is it simply too hot?
- ❖ How do you think people stayed cool during the summer before air conditioning and fans were invented? Would you have ever wanted to live during this time? Why or why not?
- ❖ Have you ever gone on a Camping trip? If so, what was the best part? If not, do you think you would enjoy being out in the wilderness? Why or why not?

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- ❖ Write about a time when your family went to a festival or carnival during the summer. What do you remember the most?
 - ❖ If you could only choose one activity to do every single day during summer, what would you pick? Why?