



Entry Ideas for Your Writer's Notebook



- *Check off each entry that you complete*
- *All entries should be in your Thoughts/Ideas section*
- *Date each entry in your notebook as you complete it*

Memories

1. Title the page "Earliest Memories." Think as far back as you can. List your earliest memories and the details that surround them.
2. Title the page "School Memories." Think back on your experiences as a student. List your most powerful school memories and the details that surround them.
3. Title the page "Styles." List all the styles you can remember, the music you liked, and the TV shows that were your favorites. Try it grade by grade.
4. Think about the reality of your future. What do you think your life will be like in 5 years? 10 years? 50 years? Describe.

Lists (You can add to these lists whenever you want!)

1. Make a list of ideas you want to write about.
2. Make a list of your favorite....EVERYTHING!
movies *books* *places*
music *foods* *people*
3. Make a list of the things you hope to accomplish this year, during the rest of middle school, high school, and beyond.
4. Make an ongoing list of the things you need to do. Cross out stuff as you finish – believe me, it feels really good!
5. Make a wish list.

Observations

1. Look around. Observe the people around you. Pay attention to their behavior. Write your ideas as to why they act the way they do.
2. Observe the social structure of the 6th grade. Who is popular? Who is not? Write your ideas as to why the structure exists the way it does.
3. Observe yourself and the way you act in certain situations. Write down what you notice about yourself.
4. Observe something common that you never had the time to notice before. (People passing between periods, the lunch room, hallway behavior, etc.) Write the details of what you see.
5. Look out the window. Observe the day. List everything you see.

Descriptions

1. Write an ad to sell something like your house, bike, clothes, little brother/sister, etc. Describe the "product."
2. Describe the taste of your most favorite and hated foods.
3. Describe a common item found in the classroom.
4. List the top 5 most important moments in your life. Describe your feelings about each of those moments.
5. Think about something commonly overlooked in nature, like a blade of grass, a cloud, a pebble, a bird, etc. Describe it using every detail you notice in your mind.

Make Believe

1. Make up another planet to live on. Describe the environment, the architecture (buildings), the culture, the plants, animals, etc.
2. Make up a conversation your pet would have about your family to one of its friends.
3. Invent stuff kids would really like. (*The Homework Machine 5000 – put your agenda book inside of it and the assignments come out finished!*)
4. If you could have any magical powers, what would they be? Describe.
5. Design your fantasy dream house, complete with magical inventions.

Letters (These letters will stay in your notebook – no one will get them unless you decide to give them to the person at the end of the year. It's totally up to you!)

1. Write a letter to yourself when you're 30. Tell yourself what you want to be remembered for from these teen years and what you think should be important in your life when you're grown up.
2. Write a letter to your crush. 😊
3. Write a letter to someone with power, like Ms. Brower, Mrs. Freeman, The President, etc. Tell them about something you want to see changed. Tell them why.
4. Write a letter to your parents. Tell them how you feel about your family life.
5. Write a letter to a friend. Tell the person what makes him/her special.