

# Ready, Set, Write! III

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Group 8<sup>th</sup>



**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COMPLETED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Introductory Activities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ KWL Chart: *Middle Grades Writing Test*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Word Search: *Writing Test Terms*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Video Notes Page: *Discovering Language Arts*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notes Page: *The Writing Process*

**Reading Activities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Article: *A Father's Gift to His Children* (Eye on the People)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Article: *What's New at Netflix?* (Business)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Article: *Making the Most of Music* (Education)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Article: *Page by Page* (Technology)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz 3000 Article: *Making Science Fun* (Education)

Place a  to the left after completing each item.  
Put ALL assignments in order before submitting unit.

**Writing Activities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 9/1/08  
(Simple Sentences, Sentence Fragments, Run-on sentences, Independent clauses, Dependent clauses)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 9/15/08  
(Commas: dates and places, Commas: lists, Commas: conjunctions, Commas: appositives, Colons and semicolons)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 9/28/08  
(Nouns, Plural Nouns, Collective nouns, Nouns and pronouns, Verbs, Subject-verb agreement, Gerunds)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 10/13/08  
(Coordinating conjunctions, Commas: conjunctions, Semicolons, Independent clauses, Compound sentences)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 10/27/08  
(Adjectives, Comparative adjectives, Superlative adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Biz3000 Revising and Editing 11/10/08  
(Adjectives, Verbs, Sensory details and concrete examples, Clear and concise sentences, Active voice)

**Academic Fair/Research Paper**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Prewriting (Plan/Outline) Topic \_\_\_\_\_ \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rough Draft
- X 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peer-Editing Checklist
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Research Paper Final Draft** Subject Area: **Math/Science/Social Studies (Circle One)**
- X5 Topic \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**Group Members:**  
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**Writing Prompts \***

*Writer's Choice* - Choose (1) writing prompt from the EACH category (Expository and Persuasive) on the list provided on the back. Each choice must have a *Plan*, *Rough Draft*, a *Peer-Evaluation*, and a typed *Final Draft*. \* See 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rubric.

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COMPLETED:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Prewriting (Plan) **Expository Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rough Draft
- X2
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Peer-Editing Checklist:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator's Signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Expository Choice Final Draft**
- X5
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prewriting (Plan) **Persuasive Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rough Draft
- X2
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Peer-Editing Checklist:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Evaluator's Signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Persuasive Choice Final Draft**
- X5

**GPS:**  
ELA8R1  
ELA8R2  
ELA8C1  
ELA8C2  
ELA8W1  
ELA8W2  
ELA8W3  
ELA8W4

*Average*

DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

Checkout Unit Checklists & Assignments on the Web: [www.geocities.com/ms\\_hall\\_bms](http://www.geocities.com/ms_hall_bms)

## Writing Prompts: Ready, Set, Write! - Writer's Choice

### **Expository Writing Prompts: Choose I**

#### **Choice # 1: *Special Person* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Many people have important people in their lives. Think of an individual who has influenced your life.

Directions for Writing: Write about a significant moment that you have spent with this important person. Be sure to use details to describe the person and the moment.

#### **Choice # 2: *Significant Event* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Everyone has had significant events in their lives. The events can be either happy or sad. Think of a moment that changed your life.

Directions for Writing: Write a descriptive story about a significant moment in your life. Be sure to describe the event in detail.

#### **Choice # 3: *Your Bedroom* (350 Words and Draw a Picture of your bedroom)**

Writing Situation: Most adolescents think of their bedroom as their sanctuary, a special place of their own. Think about what makes your room special.

Directions for Writing: Write a vivid description of your room. Be sure to describe it in such detail that the reader can "picture" your bedroom in their mind.

#### **Choice # 4: *Favorite Place* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: People often have a favorite place where they spend time. Think of a place that is special to you.

Directions for Writing: Write a detailed description of your special place. Be sure to use all your senses as you describe the place.

#### **Choice # 5: *Sports* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Most people have a favorite sport they enjoy playing or watching. Think about your favorite sport. Think of the rules, players needed, and equipment.

Directions for Writing: Write a detailed explanation of how your favorite sport is played. Be sure to provide examples.

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### **Persuasive Writing Prompts: Choose I**

#### **Choice # 6: *School Week* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Many people wish the weekend was longer. Think about the benefits of attending school only four days a week.

Directions for Writing: Write a speech to the School Board convincing them to change the school week to four days, with longer days to make up the time. Be sure to provide support for your opinion.

#### **Choice # 7: *Dress Code* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Most people have an opinion about dress code rules at school. Think about the rule requiring boys to tuck in their shirts.

Directions for Writing: Write a letter to the principal about your stance/opinion on the rule requiring boys to tuck in their shirts. Support your stance with details and examples.

#### **Choice # 8: *Music Downloading* (500 Words)**

Writing Situation: The controversy of downloading music for free has caused many record labels to pursue legal action. Think about your opinion about the issue of free music downloads.

Directions for Writing: Write an essay about your opinion regarding downloading music. Are you for or against music being free? Be sure to support your opinion with reasons and examples.

#### **Choice # 9: *Sagging Pants* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Many people think that sagging pants are a problematic display of disrespect. A number of cities including Atlanta are considering a law that prohibits sagging pants. Think about your opinion about this impending law.

Directions for Writing: Write a letter to the City of Atlanta addressing your opinion about the ban against sagging pants. Be sure to provide support for your opinion.

#### **Choice # 10: *Video Games* (400 Words)**

Writing Situation: Many students enjoy playing video games. Companies are creating more and more violent games, which require mature ratings. Think about your opinion about rating video games for kids. Do you think they are useful or effective?

Directions for Writing: Write an essay about your opinion regarding the ratings on video games. Be sure to use details and provide examples to support your opinion.