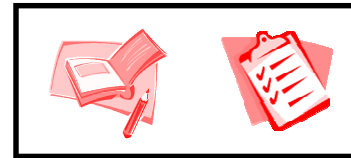


# CREATIVE WRITING APPETIZERS

## TASK CARD

- Items**
- In your journal, list at least \_\_\_\_\_ reasons for why your homework might not be done on time.
  - In your journal, list at least \_\_\_ of your favorite things (places, activities, foods, people, songs, books, TV shows, movies, games, etc.).
  - In your journal, make a list of at least \_\_\_ things to write about from ideas found in picture books. Include the name of the book where you found the idea.
  - Select something from one of the lists in your journal and create a picture book to teach someone else about this topic.
  - Expand the following sentences using the EXPAND Graphic Organizer.  
Computers are amazing.  
(Name of animal) are interesting.  
My friends are nice.  
Ice cream is good.  
The duck quacked.
  - Use the SEQUENCE Graphic Organizer to put several pictures in a sequence that tell a story. After arranging the pictures, use them to write a story. Use as much detail as you can.

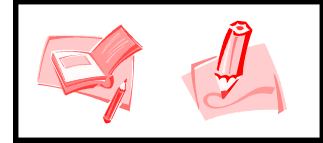


# CREATIVE WRITING ENTREES

## TASK CARD

- Items** 1. In your journal, change one of the following dull, dry sentences into a paragraph that gives a vivid picture of what is happening; (See the VIVID PICTURE example).

The television show was exciting.  
 It was a dreary day.  
 Maggie wore interesting clothes.  
 He was a great skateboarder.  
 The amusement park ride was scary.



2. Compare two different versions of a fairy tale. Use the COMPARE graphic organizer to tell how they are alike and different in at least 5 ways.



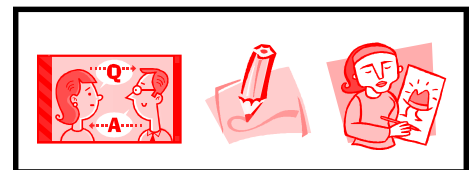
3. Choose a topic and write an Alphabet Book about that topic. Each letter of the alphabet should be explained as to how it relates to the topic. This could be done in either paragraph form or in a poem. You might want to illustrate each letter.

Example: Topic—My Dream Vacation

A = Airplane. I would like to fly to my destination in a comfortable 767. This plane would be equipped with snug seats that recline into a cozy bed. Television sets would pop up at each seat, and at the push of a button, a massaging mechanism would be activated.



4. Interview a person who works at your school. First make a list of interview questions (See INTERVIEW QUESTIONS example). Make an appointment, ask your questions, take notes, then write a summary of the interview. Illustrate your summary and present it to the person you interviewed.



5. Draw a picture of your family doing something you enjoy doing together. Write a description of this activity.



6. In your journal, make a list of at least 20 things you are capable of writing about. Tell why it would be easy for you to write about some of these topics and why others would be more difficult to write about.



# CREATIVE WRITING DESSERTS

## TASK CARD

**Items** 1. You have rummaged through the garbage of classroom in your school because you are curious about what's happening in that classroom. Pictures of what you found in the garbage can are shown on the GARBAGE activity sheet. Create a story about "What's going on in that classroom!"

**Garbage**



2. Make a list of at least 10 of your favorite or most memorable books, poems or articles. Write a paragraph on each about what makes it memorable and what special characteristics it has.



3. Write a "Choose Your Own Adventure Story" using one of the following story starters. Use the CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE graphic organizer.

I was home alone when suddenly the doorbell rang and ...

My most prized position is my...

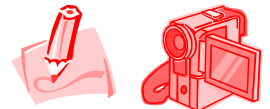
One day I was walking through my neighborhood when I came upon...

I turned the key on the Time Machine and suddenly I was...

**Choose  
Your Own  
Adventure**



4. Write a one minute persuasive television commercial that would convince someone to purchase a *jukenator*. Make props and video tape your commercial.



5. Use the R.A.F.T.S. graphic organizer to make a R.A.F.T.S. list about a special topic. Choose one of your R.A.F.T.S. and write about it.

**R.A.F.T.S.**

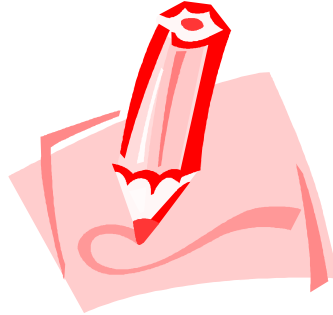


6. Pretend you are going to a summer camp and staying for the entire summer. Make a list of at least 10 things from your home that you would miss. Write an explanation about why you would miss each of these things.





**JOURNAL**



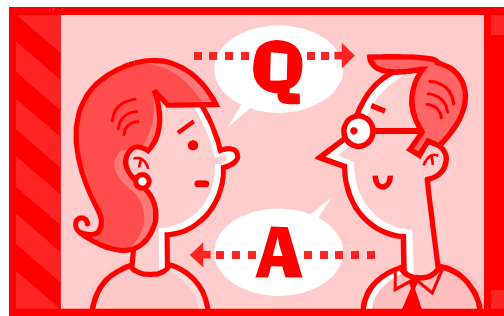
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