

Summer Writing Assignment



Boles Junior High School
Pre AP English 7
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SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT
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The following is a list of writing prompts that will give the seventh grade teachers an idea of who you are and how you write and think.

Please write HONESTLY and in your own handwriting.

To better prepare you for this task of self-examination, we are asking you to begin thinking and writing about these topics early in the summer.

During the summer you will keep a journal in which you are to write a response to at least 10 of these prompts. You will receive full credit for doing it thoughtfully, thoroughly, and neatly. This assignment will carry the value of a major test **worth 100 points.**

The responses are to be handwritten in the journal. Please do **not** type the responses on the computer. Do your best with spelling and grammar so that your teachers can see a true idea of what type of writer you are.

Let the ideas flow freely. In the fall you will be asked to polish one or more of these into a formal essay.

EXPECTATIONS

1. USE A **COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK** FOR THIS JOURNAL.
2. RESPOND TO THESE PROMPTS IN **ANY ORDER**, BUT ALWAYS LABEL THE RESPONSE WITH ITS NUMBER.
3. RESPOND TO ANY PROMPT **MORE THAN ONCE** IF YOU WISH—ESPECIALLY IF NEW IDEAS COME TO YOU AS TIME PASSES.
4. RESPOND TO **AT LEAST 10 DIFFERENT PROMPTS**.
5. SKIP LINES. WRITE **ON EVERY OTHER LINE** LEAVING ROOM FOR CHANGES LATER.
6. **LENGTH:** A GOOD RESPONSE SHOULD BE AT LEAST **2 PAGES LONG, BUT LONGER IS EVEN BETTER.**

PROMPTS

1. Please write about your family and how they have shaped your life.
2. Please write about a favorite memory.
3. Please describe some short term goals you have set for yourself. How do you plan on achieving them?
4. Please write about a person that has made a difference in your life.

5. Please tell us of a time you did something difficult. How did you manage to overcome the obstacle.
6. You have the opportunity to speak with any person living, dead, or fictional. Who would it be and why?
7. Pretend you are overhearing the English teachers discussing your responses to these prompts. What does the conversation sound like?
8. Over the past few years the internet has been more available for young students to access. They are allowing students to chat, blog, and post pictures and comments on various websites. How do you feel about all your words being on the internet for everyone to see? Would you be proud of what you allowed people to view?
9. Please complete the unfinished statements below (one or more sentences, more is better)
 - A. My proudest moment is when...
 - B. A time I made a helped someone is when...
 - C. My favorite teacher is ...
 - D. On rainy days I like too...
 - E. Someone I admire is...
 - F. My greatest strength is...
 - G. My greatest weakness is...
10. Describe a specific challenge or obstacle you have encountered in your life and explain what you learned from this experience.
11. Explain what makes you an AP student. How will you meet the challenges of your AP class in seventh grade?
12. Contribution to a school community comes in many forms: involvement with sports, music, drama, community service, student government, etc. Please explain how you see yourself contributing to Boles Jr. High.
13. What makes you a good friend to others?
14. Select a current issue in the news that concerns you. Discuss your feelings about it.
15. Who is your role model? Why are they so inspiring?
16. If you were granted one wish, what would it be and why?
17. Write about a character from literature that you admire, and explain why you have chosen him or her.

****The following short answers are required for your summer journal. Many schools, applications, and interviews ask these types of questions. ****

1. List any academic honors you have received.
2. List any extracurricular activities you've participated in.
3. List hobbies, recreational activities etc.
4. List books and magazine you've been reading.
5. Which academic subjects do you enjoy most?
6. What contributions have you made to your school?
7. Which singer or music group is your favorite?