ECR PROMPTS

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TEA'S PUBLISHED WRITING PROMPTS, GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II

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ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 3	**Argumentative** Explain if life was better or worse for cowboys before 1884 when more railroad tracks were built in Texas. TEA p. 7	**Informational** Explain why the farmer and Olivia feel DIFFERENTLY while working toward their goals. TEA p. 7	**Informational** Explain the ways that soil is important to Earth. TEA p. 7	**Argumentative** Explain your opinion about why people should or should not be rewarded for recycling. TEA p. 6
GRADE 4	**Informational** Explain how the animals carved from wood in paragraph 2 contribute to the story. TEA p. 6	**Argumentative** Explain whether or not people should make changes to traditional dishes. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how the events in the story cause Cody to change his opinions. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain why the Edwards Aquifer is important in the article. TEA p. 6
GRADE 5	**Argumentative** Argue whether Hare is right to solve her problem in the way that she does. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain the effects that technology has had on animation. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how El-ahrairah's kindness helps him throughout the selection. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how Kim shows determination throughout the story. TEA p. 6

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 6	**Informational** Explain how art has impacted Wang Yani's experiences in life. TEA p. 6	**Argumentative** Write a letter addressed to the town council about whether public access to the cave should be closed off. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how Chip in the excerpt from The Last Wild Place and Xavier in the poem "A Wave of a Day" behave SIMILARLY to each other. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how the Camel Mobile Library has affected the people of Garissa. TEA p. 6
GRADE 7	**Informational** Explain the effects of the safety measures Strauss put in place during the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. TEA p. 7	**Informational** Describe how the relationship between the author and her grandmother influenced the author's life. TEA p. 6	**Argumentative** Should students be involved in deciding how money is spent in their schools or communities through participatory budgeting? Why or why not? TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain some ways humans benefit from allowing robots to complete simple tasks at home and in the workplace. TEA p. 6
GRADE 8	**Argumentative** Argue whether the United States should invest in maglev trains or focus on improving train systems that already exist. TEA p. 8	**Informational** Explain what the invention of snow goggles reveals about ancient cultures. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how Carol's curiosity influences events in the excerpt. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain what new research reveals about horses' ability to communicate. TEA p. 6

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
ENGLISH I	**Informational** Explain the influence of the stage directions on the development of a character throughout the play. TEA p. 8	**Informational** Explain how the treatment of the time capsule over time has demonstrated that people value its significance. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Identify and explain the significance of the revelation Miss McGill has from her dealings with Mr. Mifflin. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain why travelers enjoy using the National Road today. TEA p. 6
ENGLISH II	**Informational** Describe how the author uses language throughout the excerpt to build toward the encounter with the leopard in paragraph 19. TEA p. 7	**Informational** Explain how geological features have helped shape the history of human civilizations. TEA p. 7	**Informational** Explain what makes the situation in Antarctica unusual. TEA p. 6	**Informational** Explain how acquiring the loft room changes Thea. TEA p. 6