

Sample Writing Prompts for Do What Strategy

1. Imagine you are a character from a book and write a journal entry from their perspective. What are their thoughts and feelings about the events of the story?
2. Think of a book you've recently read. How does a particular event or character in the book relate to your own life? Provide a detailed comparison, discussing the book's events and how they are similar to your own life.
3. Sustainability means we take care of our planet and use its resources wisely so they are available for people who live in the future. Why is sustainability important? Describe three specific practices or habits that promote sustainability and describe how they would help our Earth.
4. In our part of the country, sometimes we have to worry about [earthquakes/tornadoes/hurricanes/etc.]. What do you think it would be like to live in an area of the country where there were [earthquakes/tornadoes/hurricanes/etc.]?
5. Choose a symbol used in the story and explain its meaning and what it adds to the reader's understanding of the plot or theme.
6. Could the events in the story happen in real life? Discuss which parts seem realistic and which parts are more fictional. You could also discuss how the story relates to important social issues in students' communities. For example, "How does *The Outsiders* present social disparities?"
7. The city has decided to install solar panels as covers to parking lots within the city limits. Describe the benefits of this proposal as well as the potential risks or problems it could cause.
8. In *The Lightning Thief*, Percy Jackson faces the challenge of being a demigod and dealing with godly parent issues. What's a different way Percy could have handled his initial discovery or a specific conflict with another character?
9. Analyze how [Insert Novel/Short Story] addresses a societal issue like [Identify Issue]. Describe the problem presented in the text and propose solutions that could help address similar problems in the real world.
10. Think about animal abuse. Some people abuse animals by being intentionally cruel to them or neglecting their basic needs; others abuse animals out of ignorance. Think about what could be done to prevent both kinds of animal abuse. Write a letter to leaders in your community describing how you would solve this problem, and how treating animals better would improve the lives of animals and people. Explain why you think your plan will work.

