

January Writing Prompts

What Can I Write About In January?



January is the Month of **Resolutions**. Look that word up in the dictionary. Think of 2 or 3 resolutions that you will or won't do this year and then explain why you will and won't do them.

January 1-7th is **Celebration of Life Week**. Here are some ideas for that: Tell me in a paragraph why you are glad you are alive. Or... What do you hope to accomplish in your life that will make other people want to celebrate? Or... There used to be a show called "*This is Your Life* _____!" If you were on that show what would they say about your life thus far?



January 2-8th is "**Someday We'll Laugh About This Week!**" Write about things that make you laugh, or an event or something that happened to you, that you and your friends are already laughing about.

January 8-14th is **Universal Letter Writing Week**. Write a letter to anyone you want that is living or dead, famous or not, talking about something that is important to you.

January 9-15th is **Home Office Safety & Security Week**. Since 9-11 things have really changed in our world. Do you feel safe at school? Do you feel safe at home? Why or why not? What things make you feel safe? What things are being done to make you feel safe? What can you do personally to make yourself feel safer?

January 9-15th is **International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week**. Have you ever ridden on or driven a snowmobile? Tell me about it. If not, would you like to? Why or why not? Or... What's your favorite winter activity? Why?



January 15-17th is **Bald Eagle Appreciation**

Days. This is our National Bird. When our country was choosing one Benjamin Franklin argued that the turkey would be a better choice. How would you have voted and why? Or... The Bald Eagle was near extinction because of the use of DDT. Write about your thoughts on how so many species are endangered. What do you think can you as a student can do about this problem?

January 16th-22nd is **International Printing Week**: Do you read the newspaper? Why or why not? Do you think it's important for young people to listen to the news and be informed? Or...do you read magazines? What are the names of them? Why do you read them? Why are they your favorites? Or...Do you think printed "paper" material will eventually become nonexistent and everything will eventually be done on the computer online and we'll become a virtually "paperless" society? How do you feel about that?



January 16-22nd is "**Hunt for Happiness Week**". Tell me about the things that make you happy and why. Or...write about the happiest day in your life. Or...Plan an imaginary "Happy Day!" what would you include from the time you wake up to the time you go to bed, filling it with all the things and people that bring you the most joy.

January 16th-21st is **National Professionals' Week**. Tell me what you want to be when you grow up and why. Or...If you could have ANY job in the world what would it be and why? Or... If you could follow one professional person around for a week to learn from them, who would you shadow and why?

The **Sundance Film Festival** and the **KidFilm Festival** are the weeks of 20-30th and 22-25th. Tell me about your all-time favorite movie and why you like it so much. Or...Who are your favorite actress and actor and why? Or...if you could be a movie star, what kinds of films would you be in and why? In the early days of Hollywood stars changed their real names. Would you change your name? Why or why not? What would it be if you did? Or...if you could be one of your favorite film stars for a day who would you be and why and what would you do?

No Name Calling Week is January 24th-28th. Has anyone ever called you a name? Tell me about it? Have you ever called anyone a name? Do you think this is hurtful/harmful? Do you think the nursery rhyme “*Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never harm me!*” is true or not? Why? Read the story **Chrysanthemum**. Tell me how you relate to that story or write a book review about it.



It's **National Take Back Your Time Week** January 25-29th. If you had an instant replay button on your life, what days would you like to live over and why? Or...Are you an organized person who manages their time wisely or do you procrastinate, wait to the last minute, and fly by the seat of your pants? Are you happy with the way things are with your management of time, or does it stress you out? How can you improve? Do you want to?



It's **Apple and Apricots Month** as well as **Artichoke and Asparagus Month**. What are your favorite fruits and vegetables? Do you eat enough of them? What fruits and vegetables don't you like? Why don't you like them? What fruits and vegetables have you never tried? Would you like to try them?

It's **National Soup Month!** What's your favorite mmm mmm good soup(s)? Why do you like it/them? What soup(s) don't you like? What soup(s) haven't you tried? Would you like to try it/them?

Well it's January and we're smack in the middle of winter. Do you like winter? Do you like the snow and chilly temperatures? How do you feel about Daylight Saving's Time and it being dark when you get up? Do you like winter sports and activities you can do outside in the winter better than other seasons? Is this your favorite season? Think about these questions and then write about how you feel about winter. If you're not in a cold and snowy state, would you like to live in a place that has cold weather and lots of snow? Or perhaps you do live in a cold state, would you rather live in a warmer state that doesn't have snow? Tell me your thoughts and....

Happy Writing!