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Autumn Writing Prompts to Spark Your Imagination



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Embrace the cool, crisp sensations of fall with these Autumn-themed writing prompts. Encourage your students to use rich, descriptive words and to immerse themselves in this season of harvest.

If your student needs some help getting started:

They can make a word bank of descriptive words to use.

Example: Describing the colors of Fall leaves

fiery	scarlet	glowing	dappled	burgundy	veined
vibrant	yellow	orange	warm	brown	pattered
red	golden	pumpkin	deep	cinnamon	shifting
crimson	mustard	flaming	bold	nutmeg	shimmering

Have them answer some questions about their character(s):

Who do they imagine is in the story?

Who else is there?

What are they doing?

Where are they?

Why are they there?

When/what time of day is it?

How did they get there?

Have them imagine the setting:

Weather: sunny, clear, crisp, foggy, misty, chilly, rainy, cloudy, windy, stormy, blustery, snowy

Time of day: moonlit night, dawn, sunrise, morning, noon, afternoon, dusk, sunset, twilight, moonless night


Location: inside, outside, at home, in a forest, on a field, in a tall building, on a rowboat, riding a train, climbing a mountain

Colors: bold, pastel, dark, bright, rainbow, grays, warm, cool

They can also consider: the season, the plants and animals there, the buildings, tools, and vehicles around them, clothing styles, is it the future, present, or past

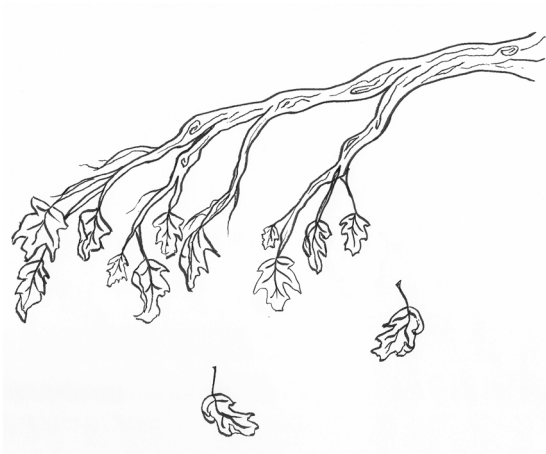
Sounds

In Autumn, animals and trees prepare for winter. Describe the sounds of fallen leaves and the animals you can hear in Autumn.

A group of five black swans flying in a V-formation against a light blue sky. The swans are depicted in various stages of flight, with their wings spread wide. The formation is a classic V-shape, with one swan at the front and four following behind. The background is a solid light blue, and the swans are rendered in a dark, almost black, color. The overall image is simple and clean, with no other elements present.

Sights

Imagine gazing up through branches of changing Fall leaves. Write a descriptive poem about the brilliant colors and shifting patterns of light you would see.

A black and white line drawing of a tree branch with several oak leaves attached. Two leaves have fallen to the ground below the branch. The drawing is positioned on the right side of the page, with the rest of the page consisting of horizontal lines for writing.

Smells/Tastes

Fall brings new harvests and bounty to our tables.

Describe the rich flavors and scents of foods that you enjoy in Autumn.

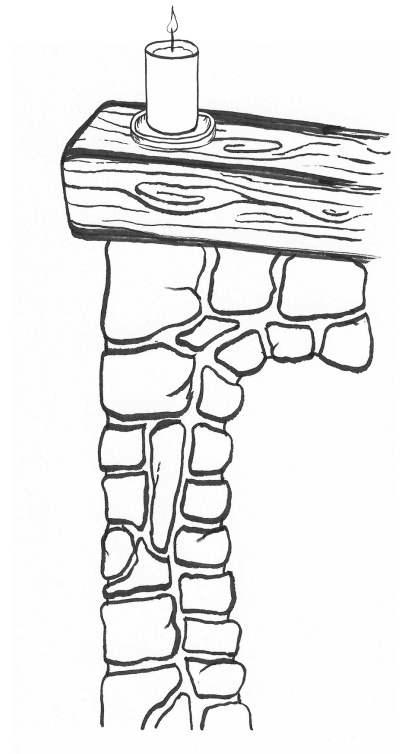
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Feelings/Cozy Moments

Describe the things that make you feel cozy and warm when chilly Autumn winds blow outside.

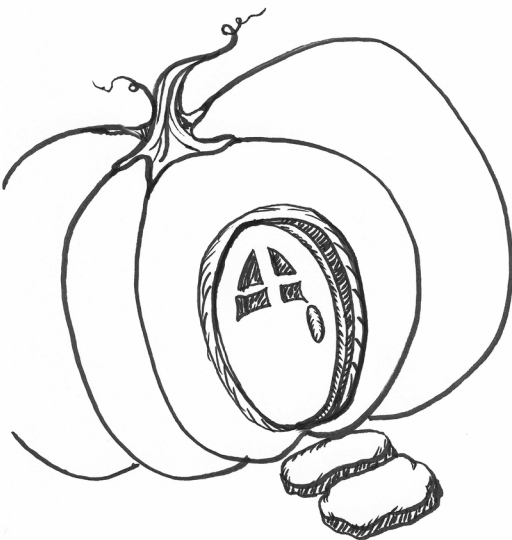
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Open-Ended Short Story

Use rich, descriptive words and your imagination to continue the story:

You reach out and gently push golden leaves aside. As you peer across a field, you see a tiny pumpkin-shaped house. Describe what happens as you tiptoe closer...

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