

Summer Senses

Creative Writing Prompts to Spark Your Imagination



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Refreshing Creativity

Let the sizzling days of summer inspire you with these summer-themed writing prompts. Encourage your students to use rich, descriptive words and to immerse themselves in this sunny summer season.

If your student needs some help getting started:

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

Example: Describe a summer sunset.

shimmering	pastel	yellow	cobalt	layered	sinking
glowing	pink	golden	indigo	blending	fading
shining	salmon	orange	purple	soft	deep
bold	fuchsia	peach	lavender	sifting	
brilliant	scarlet	tangerine	mauve	tinged	
vibrant	magenta	blue	streaked	setting	

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

Who do they imagine is in the story?

Why are they there?

Who else is there?

How did they get there?

What are they doing?

Have them imagine the setting:

What is the weather like?

(Sunny, clear, crisp, foggy, misty, rainy, cloudy, windy, stormy, blustery)

What time of day is it?

(Dawn, sunrise, morning, noon, afternoon, dusk, sunset, twilight, moonlit night, moonless night)

Where is your character?

(Inside, outside, at home, in a forest, in a field, in a tall building, in a rowboat, riding a train, climbing a mountain)

Are there colors your character sees?

(Bold, pastel, dark, bright, rainbow, grays, warm, or cool)

When does the story take place?

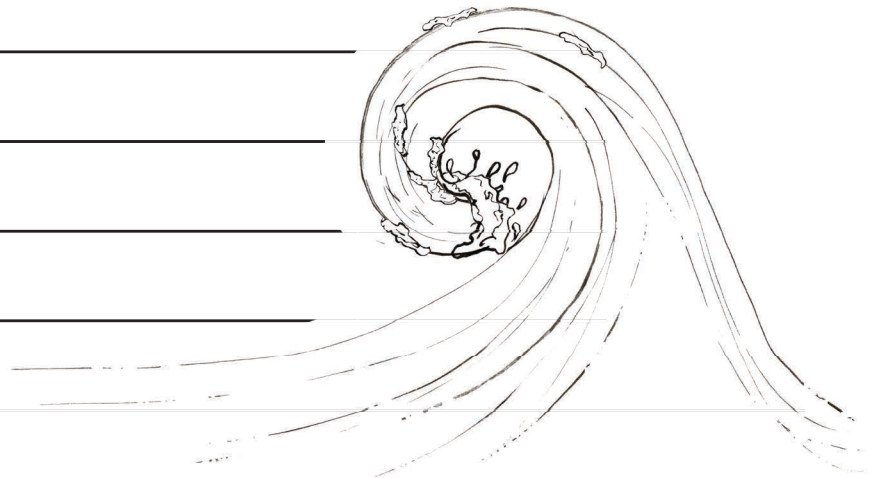
(Past, present, future)

Sights

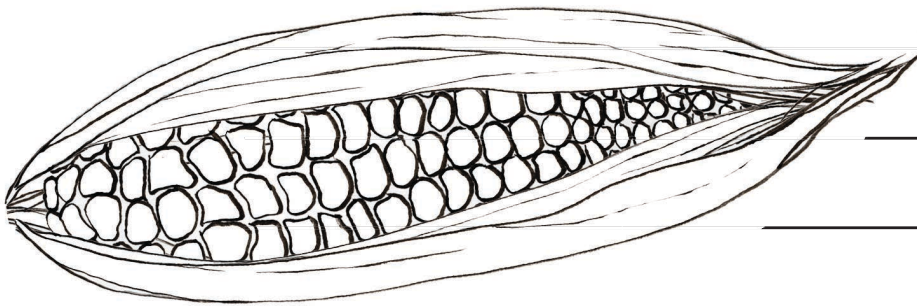
The vibrant colors of summer burst across skies, land, and sea.
Describe the intense, bold colors you can see in summer.



Summer is full of sounds, from the chirps of crickets and cicadas in the evening to the roar of waves crashing on the shore. Describe the many sounds you can hear in summer.

A black and white line drawing of a stylized wave, resembling a curling ribbon or a calligraphic flourish, positioned in the bottom right corner of the page. The wave is composed of multiple concentric, flowing lines that create a sense of movement and depth. The top of the wave curls over, forming a crest, while the bottom lines trail off towards the right. The drawing is simple and elegant, fitting the overall aesthetic of the notebook.

Sizzling summer grills and markets bursting with fresh produce. Describe the brilliant smells and flavors of summer.

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Think about the signs of summer—fireflies twinkling, fireworks flashing, busy days at the pool, and breezy nights. Describe the feeling of long sunny days slowly fading into summer nights.

A black and white line drawing of two weeping willow trees with long, drooping branches, positioned on the right side of the page. The left side of the page is filled with horizontal lines for writing.

Open-Ended Short Story

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

The jungle is thick with vines and bird call as you scramble over a fallen branch. In the distance you hear a rumble that sounds like the sea. Cautiously rising to peer over a boulder, you realize you are the first to discover...

