

# daily JOURNAL PROMPTS

40<sup>2</sup> Weeks and  
200 Journal  
Prompts

## Make-Believe Monday

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## Top 10 Tuesday

Write a Top Ten List of your favorite characters.

## Words of Wisdom Wednesday

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## My Thoughts Thursday

Write your thoughts and opinion about:  
Books vs. Movies

## Flashback Friday

Write about a time you experienced something for the first time.

# Daily Journal Prompts - About this Product

This product includes 40 weeks of Writing Prompts (with a total of 200 prompts). Each day of the week is a different theme:

- **Make-Believe Monday:** Provides students with a start for writing a narrative.
- **Top 10 Tuesday:** Provides students a topic for writing a Top 10 list.
- **Words of Wisdom Wednesday:** Provides students with a famous quote to respond to.
- **My Thoughts Thursday:** Asks students to share their thoughts/opinions on a given topic.
- **Flashback Friday:** Asks students to share about a past memory or experience.

This product also includes a reference sheet for students to use with the journal prompts and a scoring sheet for grading student journals.

How to Use: Every 4 weeks, provide students with a new calendar of prompts. You can have them follow it day-by-day, or they can choose a prompt within the given day.

The prompts come in two formats: Full Page or Notebook Size.

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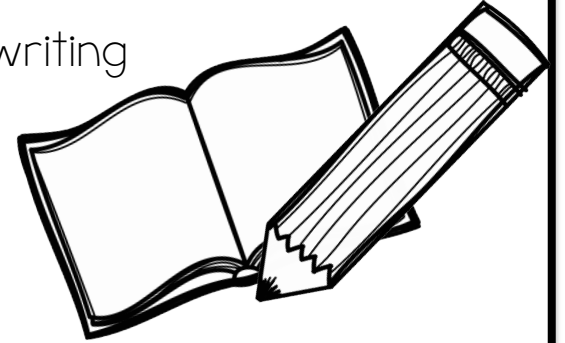
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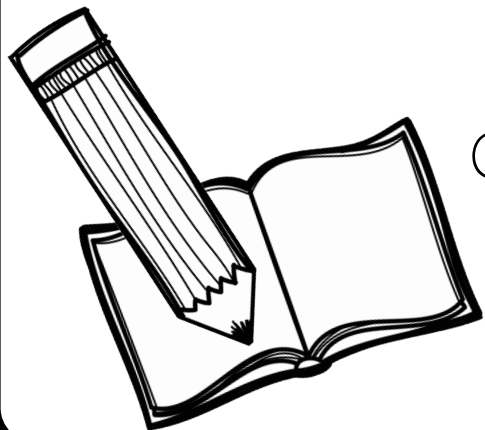
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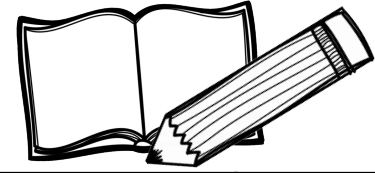
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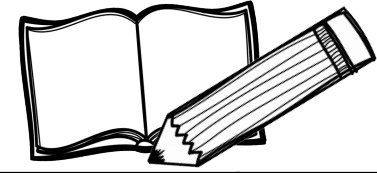
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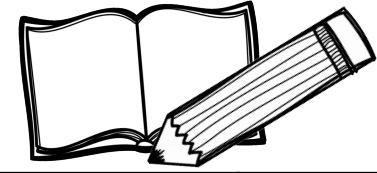
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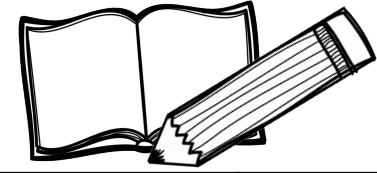
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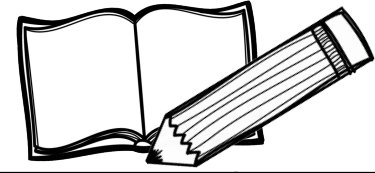


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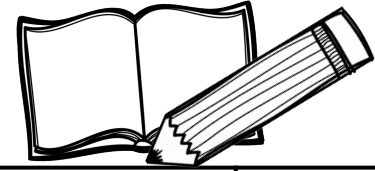
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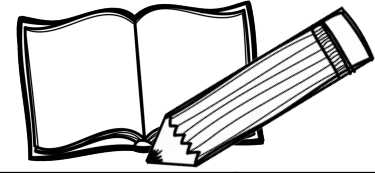
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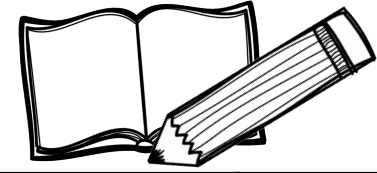
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25 - 28

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Write a new ending to a favorite story.	Write a Top 10 list of people you wish you could meet.	"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you." - B.B. King	Write your thoughts about:  An important technological advancement.	Write about a time you went on an exciting ride.
Write a story from the point of view of a teacher.	Write a Top 10 list of things you would need on a deserted island.	"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you but the one which makes you think." - Harper Lee	Write your thoughts about:  Breakfast vs. Dinner	Write about a time you learned how to do something new.
Write a story that takes place in a dream.	Write a Top 10 list of things you would like to accomplish in your lifetime.	"Ideas come from curiosity." - Walt Disney	Write your thoughts about:  Rules	Write about a time when something embarrassing happened to you.
Write a story that begins with a door slamming shut.	Write a Top 10 list of your favorite words.	"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars." - Les Brown	Write your thoughts about:  The best month of the year.	Write about a time you spent a night away from home.

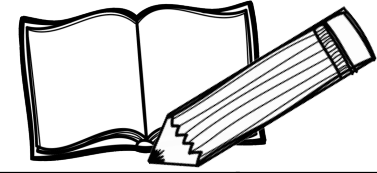
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Write a story from the point of view of an alien.	Write a Top 10 list of places you would like to visit someday.	"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss	Write your thoughts about: Indoors vs. Outdoors	Write about a favorite family vacation.
Write a story that takes place during a historical time.	Write a Top 10 list of things you dislike.	"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters." - Epictetus	Write your thoughts about: Reading	Write about a time when you couldn't stop laughing.
Write a story in which one of the characters is someone famous.	Write a Top 10 list of things that scare you.	"Whether you think you can, or think you can't - you're right." - Henry Ford	Write your thoughts about: The best sport.	Write about a time when you felt sad.

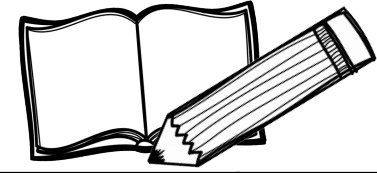
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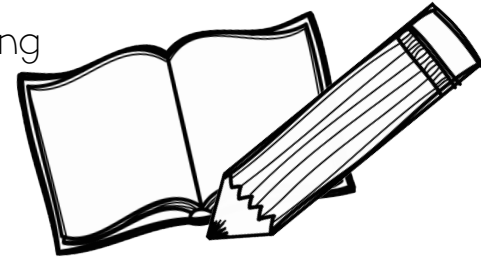
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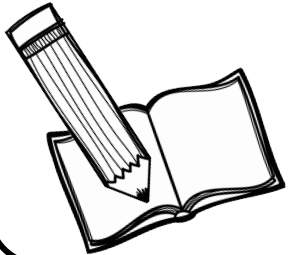
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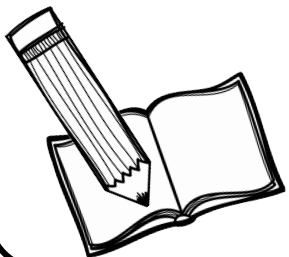
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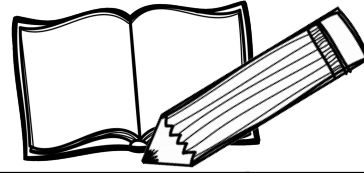


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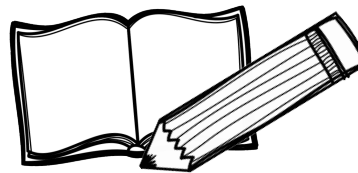
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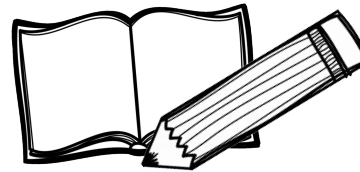
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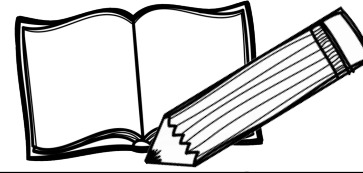
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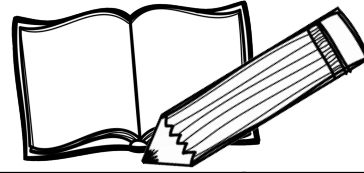
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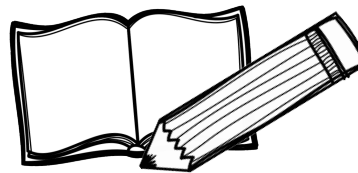
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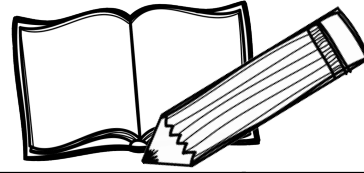
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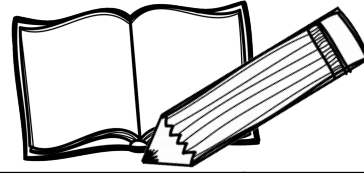


Weeks  
25 - 28

Make-Believe Monday	Top 10 Tuesday	Words of Wisdom Wednesday	My Thoughts Thursday	Flashback Friday
Write a new ending to a favorite story.	Write a Top 10 list of people you wish you could meet.	"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you." - B.B. King	Write your thoughts about: An important technological advancement.	Write about a time you went on an exciting ride.
Write a story from the point of view of a teacher.	Write a Top 10 list of things you would need on a deserted island.	"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you but the one which makes you think." - Harper Lee	Write your thoughts about: Breakfast vs. Dinner	Write about a time you learned how to do something new.
Write a story that takes place in a dream.	Write a Top 10 list of things you would like to accomplish in your lifetime.	"Ideas come from curiosity." - Walt Disney	Write your thoughts about: Rules	Write about a time when something embarrassing happened to you.
Write a story that begins with a door slamming shut.	Write a Top 10 list of your favorite words.	"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars." - Les Brown	Write your thoughts about: The best month of the year.	Write about a time you spent a night away from home.



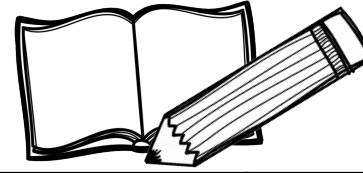
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29-32

Make-Believe Monday	Top 10 Tuesday	Words of Wisdom Wednesday	My Thoughts Thursday	Flashback Friday
Write a fairy tale from the point of view of the antagonist.	Write a Top 10 list of your favorite characters.	"What we learn with pleasure we never forget." - Alfred Mericer	Write your thoughts about: An important historical figure.	Write about a time when you got into trouble for something.
Write a story from the point of view of an alien.	Write a Top 10 list of places you would like to visit someday.	"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss	Write your thoughts about: Indoors vs. Outdoors	Write about a favorite family vacation.
Write a story that takes place during a historical time.	Write a Top 10 list of things you dislike.	"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters." - Epictetus	Write your thoughts about: Reading	Write about a time when you couldn't stop laughing.
Write a story in which one of the characters is someone famous.	Write a Top 10 list of things that scare you.	"Whether you think you can, or think you can't - you're right." - Henry Ford	Write your thoughts about: The best sport.	Write about a time when you felt sad.

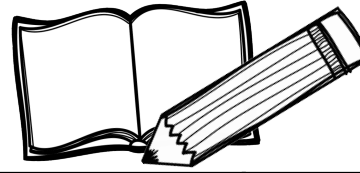
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33 - 36

Make-Believe Monday	Top 10 Tuesday	Words of Wisdom Wednesday	My Thoughts Thursday	Flashback Friday
Tell a story about an animal with superpowers.	Write a Top 10 list of things you are proud of.	"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be." - Maya Angelou	Write your thoughts about:  An important scientific discovery.	Write about a time you ate at one of your favorite restaurants.
Write a story from the point of view of a baby.	Write a Top 10 list of things in the world that are beautiful.	"Everything you can imagine is real." - Pablo Picasso	Write your thoughts about:  Fiction vs. Nonfiction	Write about something fun you did last weekend.
Write a story that takes place in the middle of nowhere.	Write a Top 10 list of your favorite songs.	"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson	Write your thoughts about:  Favorite Day of Prompts	Write about a time you tried something for the first time.
Write a story in which a mystery needs to be solved.	Write a Top 10 list of things that make you happy.	"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them." - Mark Twain	Write your thoughts about:  The best day of the week.	Write about a time you took a risk or did something daring.

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Weeks  
37-40

Make-Believe Monday	Top 10 Tuesday	Words of Wisdom Wednesday	My Thoughts Thursday	Flashback Friday
Write a story where you are in the setting of your favorite book.	Write a Top 10 List of your accomplishments this year.	"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela	Write your thoughts about:  An important historical event.	Write about a moment that you shared with friends this year.
Write a story from the point of view of the earth.	Write a Top 10 List of your favorite books that you read this year.	"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." - Albert Einstein	Write your thoughts about:  Art vs. P.E.	Write about your favorite assembly from this school year.
Write a story that takes place on a deserted island.	Write a Top 10 List of the most important things you learned this year.	"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss	Write your thoughts about:  Summertime	Write about your favorite field trip from this school year.
Write a story about the school year that never ended.	Write a Top 10 List of things you would like to do this summer.	"I can't go back to yesterday - because I was a different person then." - Lewis Carroll	Write your thoughts about:  The best TV show.	Write about your favorite end-of-the-year activity.