



Grade 7 Essay Prompts

In the third quarter, Grade 7 students are asked to write an essay or complete a presentation with a career or college focus. This essay completed with a score of 70% or higher will earn Early Award Scholar students \$20 in scholarship funds. Student essays selected as class winners will earn an additional \$25.

Teachers should prepare students for this writing assignment as they normally would with pre-writing strategies and discussion. Suggestions for pre-writing would be to have students read other college essays and do pair & share to generate ideas. If teachers choose to reword the essay prompts, they may choose alternative wording without changing the basic intent of the prompt.

The essay should be completed during the 3rd 9 weeks. We would like the teacher to select the top essays. The names of the winners and the winning essays are due to the Community Foundation at the end of the third quarter when Google teacher sheets are turned in.

Students: Please choose one of the four following prompts to write a one page essay of 200-250 words. These essay prompts will be similar to one you may have to write for scholarship or college applications.

1. Select a specific college or career school and explain why you would want to attend this college/school after graduation from high school. Research or use resources about your choice for your essay.
2. What do you want to learn more about (in school or on your own)? Where can you go to learn more, who could you talk to or how can you accomplish this goal? Use resources about your choice.
3. What extracurricular activity has been meaningful to you or has helped you grow as a person or has taught you something about yourself? Personal experiences and reflections will be useful in this essay.
4. Imagine you can interview anyone you want in a specific career for an hour. Explain your choice and what you would talk about or what questions you would ask. Research or use resources for this essay.