

Speculative Writing Workshop

<http://teachwrite.com/home.html>

Check out the website above, and then read the directions beneath. Choose a prompt from below.

In responding to the topic or quotation presented, you will be asked to explain your point of view and to create an original work. Speculative writing may be based on the writer's personal knowledge and experience or on information presented to the writer. Choose one of the prompts below. You will only be given 25 minutes. Do not start out with "I think"! Plan what you want to say by using a story-line triangle (5 minutes top) Make sure that you use figurative language that is age appropriate. Make sure that you use imagery.

- Students will be given 25 minutes to complete the Writing to Speculate section of the NJASK assessment.
- In this part of the test, students will be given a speculative prompt, prewriting space, and a Writer's Checklist of important points to remember as they write. Students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate how well they can organize and express their ideas in written text.
- To receive a proficient score, according to the New Jersey Registered Holistic Scoring Rubric, students will need to:
 - Respond to the given prompt noting setting and characters.
 - Create a single focus.
 - Include an introduction, appropriate details, and a conclusion.
 - Include compositional risk such as figurative language or dialogue.

Create sentences in various forms with appropriate

Write an essay explaining what this quotation means to you. Use details and examples in your essay.

1. Many students enjoy doing something special for their family and friends. For example, they may take care of their younger sibling or help to cook a favorite meal.

Write an essay that describes something special that you would like to do for your family or friends. Explain why this would be something special and how your family or friends might

react. Be sure to include details and facts to support your explanation.

2. As part of a language arts class assignment, you have been asked to consider how the following quotation is related to you.

"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

--Anonymous

Write an essay explaining what this quotation means to you. Use details and examples in your essay.

3. Life can be full of pleasant surprises. Identify a time when you experienced a pleasant surprise.

Write an essay about a time when you experienced a pleasant surprise. Explain why this surprise was unexpected and how it affected your life in a positive way. Be sure to explain your choice by using details and examples.

4. Consider how the following quotation is related to you.

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."

René Descartes (1596 - 1650)

Write an essay explaining what this quotation means to you. Use details and examples in your essay.