

QW WRITING PROMPTS

2014-2015



AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4

REMEMBER OPENING PROCEDURES!

- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #1**
- **Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You MUST use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: ADVERSARY and APPREHENSIVE. Make sure to underline them.**
- **You are lost in a creepy forest. How did you get there? Who is following you? Why are you not wearing shoes? How do you escape?**

SEPTEMBER 5-8

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- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #2**
- **Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You MUST use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: APLOMB, APTITUDE, and ATTENTIVE. Make sure to underline them.**
- **You are a scientist who has discovered a new kind of animal. Explain how you found it, what it looks like, how it behaves, etc.**

SEPTEMBER 15-16

REMEMBER OPENING PROCEDURES!

- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #3**
- **Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You **MUST** use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: BLUFF and BARRICADE. Make sure to underline them.**
- **It is 100 years in the future and you are a player in a new type of sport. Explain what this sport is, how you play, and your position on your team.**

SEPTEMBER 17-18

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- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #4**
- **Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You MUST use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: BRACKISH, BRANDISH, and BANISH. Make sure to underline them.**
- **You are on a cooking TV show. The last challenge is to come up with a dish no one has seen before. How does the episode end?**

OCTOBER 3-6

REMEMBER OPENING PROCEDURES!

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #5
- Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You **MUST** use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: COMMOTION, CONTORTION, and CONSPICUOUS. Make sure to underline them.
- **Zombies! Aliens! The world is being invaded. Who or what is invading, what do you do, and how do you deal with life after the invasion?**

OCTOBER 8-9

REMEMBER OPENING PROCEDURES!

- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #6**
- **Respond to the following prompt in 5-7 complete sentences using your writing non-negotiables checklist at your desk. You **MUST** use the following Quack Words in your paragraph correctly: COUNTER and CONCOCTION. Make sure to underline them.**
- **Human kind has decided to fight back against the invasion from free write #5. How do you triumph and free civilization from the danger?**

OCTOBER 24-27

On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.

- **Title this page: Quick Write #7 Hashtag Vocab**
- **Everyone loves to use hashtags! Especially the internet. Pretend that our Quack Words have joined Twitter! You need to create some hashtags for them so that their followers know who they are.**
- **Today's Quack Word Twitter accounts are CUNNING, DEBRIS, DEFIANCE, DEFT, and DIMINSHED. Write 3 hashtag phrases that are related to their definitions. For example:**

Quackword username → @placid (calm, peaceful)

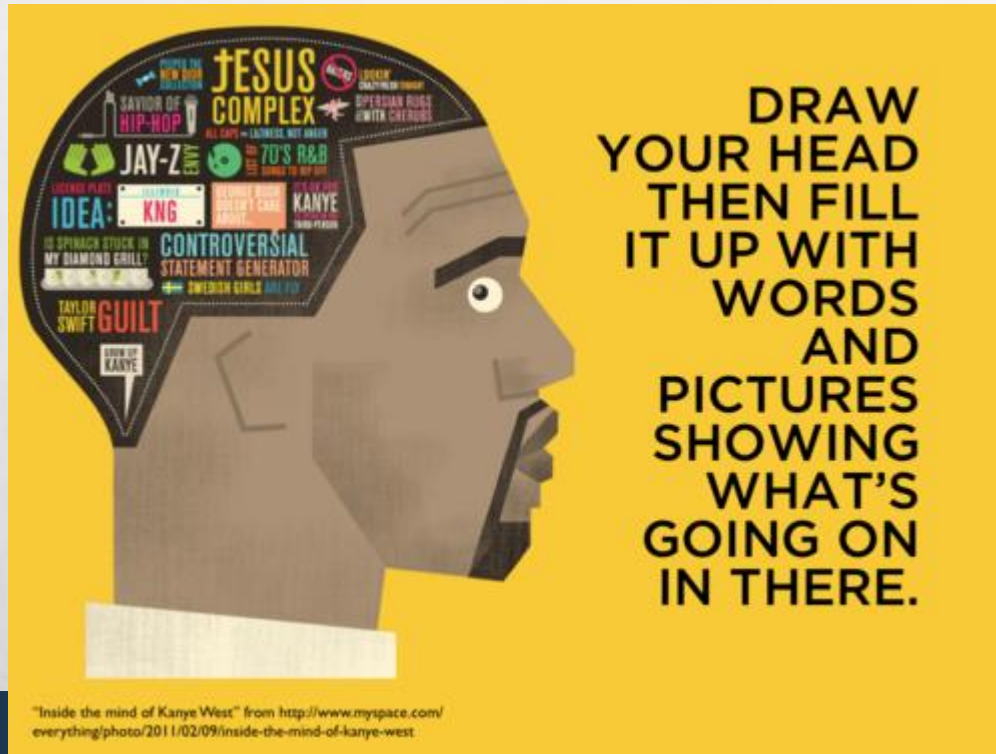
A place/thing the word could describe → #lakesidelounging

Use the word in a phrase → #placidlyperfect

A feeling related to the word → #lifeisgood

NOVEMBER 7-10

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #8 In My Head



You must include a sentence with:

- **Something you want to eavesdrop on**
- **A time you were egregious**

NOVEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 1

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #9 Piñata



This is the inside of a piñata.
Write the story of a child's
birthday party from the
point of view of the piñata.

You must include the words:

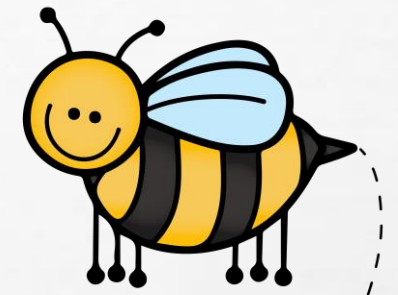
- **ENGROSS**
- **EXHILERATE**
- **FALTER**

**5-7 complete
sentences.**

This picture is called "In the belly of the headless donkey piñata," and it was made by Sheila Ryan:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/panthergrease/4017463667/>

NOVEMBER 24-25

- **YOU NEED: 2 SHEETS OF NOTEBOOK PAPER**
- **HEAD WITH NAME, DATE, & CLASS PERIOD**



JANUARY 16 & 20

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #10 American Dream

What is your “American Dream”? Is it to have the career you’ve always dreamed of? To be the richest person in the world? To have a house made entirely of Legos? Respond to this prompt by writing 1 complete paragraph (5-7 complete sentences) using at least 2 of our current Quack Words:

- FORESIGHT
- FURTIVE
- GRUELING
- GUSTO
- HASTEN

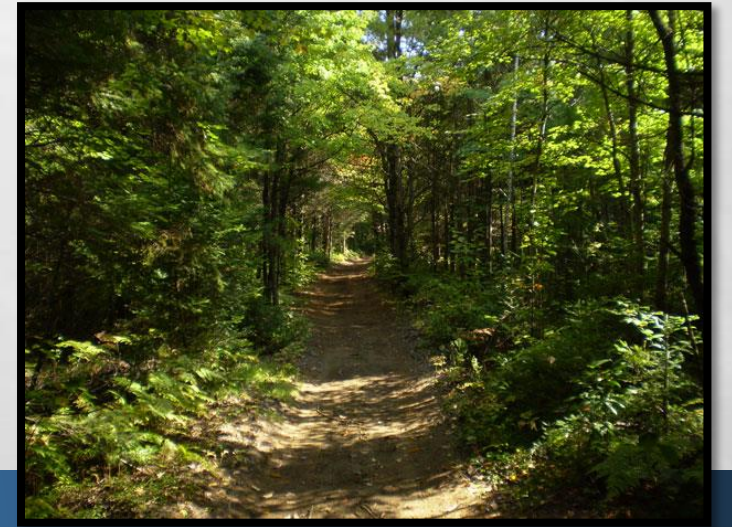


JANUARY 21 & 22

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #11 Would You Rather?

Would you rather be trapped in a boat in the middle of the ocean OR stuck in the middle of the woods 100 miles from any human contact? Respond to this prompt by writing 1 complete paragraph (5-7 complete sentences) using at least 2 of our current Quack Words:

- FORESIGHT
- FURTIVE
- GRUELING
- GUSTO
- HASTEN



JANUARY 27 & 28

- On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.
- Title this page: Free Write #12 Who's There?

Imagine that you have moved into a new home, only to discover that someone (or someTHING) is already living there. Respond to this prompt by writing 1 complete paragraph (5-7 complete sentences) using at least 2 of our current Quack Words:

- HAVOC
- HEADWAY
- IMPENDING
- IMPERIOUS
- JABBER



JANUARY 29 & 30

- **On a new sheet of paper, head it with your name, date, and class period.**
- **Title this page: Free Write #13 A Whole New World**

Aliens have selected you as their new ruler! Explain how you would rule this alien race. Respond to this prompt by writing 1 complete paragraph (5-7 complete sentences) using at least 2 of our current Quack Words:

- **HAVOC**
- **HEADWAY**
- **IMPENDING**
- **IMPERIOUS**
- **JABBER**



FEBRUARY 6-9

FREE WRITE REVISIONS

You need a color pencil or a color pen (any color other than black). For the first 3 minutes, proofread your free write #13. When I call time, you will switch with a shoulder partner, and with a different color, will check for any mistakes that you may have missed.

Check for:

- At least 5 complete sentences
- I's are capitalized
- At least 2 Quack Words are used correctly
- Punctuation and capitalization
- Awkward-sounding sentences

