

# Seventh Grade Summer Writing

## *Free to Write*

Your summer writing work is designed to help with your transition into seventh grade.

1. You must compose THREE pieces.
2. You will write one piece for Dr. Freeberg. This will count as ONE piece.
3. Choose from the following twelve prompts. Compose at least TWO different kinds of pieces.
  - a) WHAT IS FREEDOM? – Compose your own treatise!  
*Speak with a relative, friend, or mentor; discuss the meaning of freedom in the world today; compose a poem, personal essay, story, or song on the theme of freedom.*
  - b) ORAL HISTORY - Share an important family story!  
*Speak with a parent, a grandparent, or an ancestor; listen carefully as they share a meaningful family story; write it down; polish your prose; record your family history.*
  - c) MEMOIR – Reflect on and describe a significant event from elementary or middle school.  
*Be very specific: What happened? Why did this happen? What did you learn?*
  - d) PORTRAIT OF FREEDOM - Reflect on a person that you admire; compose a one- to two-page portrait. *Focus on this person's qualities. What makes them an admirable person?*
  - e) LETTER - Write a letter to the author of a book or work that has been important to you.  
*Feel free to ask the author questions about characters, plot, and/or significance.*
  - f) QUOTE REFLECTION - Compose a one-page reflection on a meaningful quote.  
*Why are these words important to you? How do they help you live your life?*
  - g) REVIEW - Write a 1- to 2-page book or movie or music review to share a favorite work with others.
  - h) OPINION PIECE - Write a letter to the editor to stand up for something important to you . . . and to the world beyond you.
  - i) JOURNAL - Compose a MEANINGFUL journal entry reflecting on your aspirations for your seventh-grade school year.
  - j) SHORT STORY – Write an original work of short fiction.
  - k) POEM . . . OR SONG! – Ballad? Blank verse? Sonnet? Sonnet sequence? Hymn meter? Free verse? Haiku? Musical? It's up to YOU!
  - l) FREE CHOICE – write about something else!
4. Each one of the THREE pieces should be a MINIMUM of one page and a MAXIMUM of three pages.
5. Gather your summer writing into a single portfolio or document. Turn in your work on the first day of school! **If you have questions, email Mr. Glazer: [steve.glazer@crossroadsacademy.org](mailto:steve.glazer@crossroadsacademy.org)**