Grade 3: ACT ASPIRE
Narrative Writing Prompts
You are going to write a story about a time when you helped a person or an animal in need. Think about how you felt when you helped the person or animal, and what you learned about helping others.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

- Whom did you help, and why did they need your help?
- How did you feel when you helped this person or animal?
- Did you ever think you might not be able to help them? Why or why not?
- The next time you are faced with helping someone in need, how will you respond?
- How did this experience affect the way you feel about helping others?

Now, write a story that describes a time when you helped a person or an animal in need. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about helping others.
You are going to write a story about spending time with someone special. Think about the person you spent time with and what makes that person special to you?

Here are some questions to help you think about your story and plan it.

• Who did you spend time with?
• What did you and that person do?
• Why is the person special to you?
• What made the time special to you?
• What about this created a good memory for you?

Now, write a story that describes spending time with someone special. Your story should tell why the person is special to you.
You are going to write a **story** about a time you visited an interesting place. Think about the place you visited and what made the visit so interesting.

Here are some questions to help you think about your story and plan it.

- Where did you go and who were you with?
- Who did you meet or what did you see?
- Did anything unusual happen?
- What made the visit interesting?
- Did you learn anything during the visit?

Now, write a story that **describes** a time you visited an interesting place. Your story should tell your reader what **made** the visit interesting for you.
You are going to write a story about a time when you tried something new. Think about how you felt when you tried something new and what you learned about trying new things.

Here are some questions to help you think about your story and plan it.

- What did you try and did anyone help you?
- How did you feel while trying this thing?
- Did you ever want to give up?
- Will you try more new things in the future? Why or why not?
- How did this change the way you think about trying new things?

Now, write a story that describes a time when you tried something new. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about trying new things.
You are going to write a story about a time when an experience in your life seemed bad, but turned out to be good.

Think about what happened and how the negative experience turned into a positive one.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• What was the experience?
• Why did the experience seem like a bad one in the beginning?
• When did you start understanding the positive parts of the experience?
• What happened as a result of the experience?
• Did this experience change the way you think about the other bad situation?

Now write a story that describes a time when an experience in your life seemed bad, but turned out to be good. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about helping others.
You are going to write a story about a time when you and your classmates were helpful to each other and to your teacher?

Think about how you and your classmates were helpful to your teacher.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

- What are some ways that you helped your teacher?
- When did you start understanding the positive parts of the experience?
- What happened as a result of the experience?
- Did this experience change the way you think about the other bad situation?

Now write a story that describes a time when you and your classmates helped one another and a teacher. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about helping one another.
You are going to write a story a time when your parent told you to donate one of your favorite toys with a child in need, what would it be? Why?

Think about one of your favorite things that you would donate and why.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• What did you donate?
• Why did you select this particular item to donate?
• What do you think happened as a result of the donation?
• Did this experience change the way you feel about helping others in need?

Now write a story that describes a time when you donated one of your favorite things to a child in need. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about helping others.
You are going to write a **story** about a time you were responsible for cooking for your family, what would you have for breakfast and what would you have for dinner tomorrow?

Think about what you would cook for breakfast and dinner and why.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

- What did you select to eat for breakfast and dinner on the following day?
- Why did you choose these items for your breakfast and dinner menu?
- When did you start to understand the responsibility of providing meals to your family?
- What do you think you will do differently the next time your parents’ cook something that you dislike?
- Did this experience change the way you think about cooking meals?

Now write a story that **describes** a time when you cooked for your family. Your story should tell your reader what you **learned** about the responsibility of providing meals.
You are going to write a **story** about someone in your neighborhood that you would like to help out. Tell how your assistance could make a difference for him or her?

Think about how you would like to help this person and why?

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

- Who is the person that you would like to help?
- Why would you like to provide assistance to this person?
- What would you do to help this person in need?
- Do you think your help will make a difference? Why?
- Do you think you will continue to help others after this experience?

Now write a story that **describes** a time when you helped someone in your neighborhood and the difference it made. Your story should tell your reader how your new laws helped a neighbor in need.

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You are going to write a story about a time that you were helpful around your own household. What did you do?

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• What did you do around your household to be helpful?
• Why did your offer to help?
• What happened as a result of your help?
• Did this experience change the way you think about helping around your household?

Now write a story that describes a time when you were helpful around your household. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about being helpful.
You are going to write a story about the best holiday you ever had. What made the holiday so special?

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• What holiday was the most memorable?
• Why was this holiday so special to you?
• What events took place on the holiday?
• What event was the most memorable and why?

Now write a story that describes the best holiday that you ever had. Your story should tell your reader why this holiday was so special.
You are going to write a story about a friend or sibling who was once angry with you. If it had a positive ending, write about what happened. If the ending was not positive, write about steps you both could have taken to change things for the better.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• Who was the friend or sibling?
• Why was this person angry with you?
• How were you able to resolve your problems?
• What would you differently the next time you make someone angry?
• Did this experience change the way you think about offending others?

Now write a story that describes a time when a friend or sibling was angry with you, but turned out to be good. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about offending others.
You are going to write a story about a time when someone gave you a present that wasn’t for your birthday or a special holiday.

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• What was the gift?
• Why did this person give you a gift?
• How did you feel when this person gave you a gift?
• What did you do to express your gratitude?
• Did this experience change the way you think about giving to others? Why?

Now write a story that describes a time when someone gave you a gift that wasn’t for a special occasion. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about giving to others.
You are going to write a story about how you stood up to a bully to defend one of your fellow classmates. How did this person respond to your act of kindness?

Here are some questions to help you think about and plan your story:

• Who was the person that you stood up for?
• Why did you decide to defend this person?
• What happened as a result of the experience?
• How did your classmate respond to your assistance?
• Did this experience change the way you feel about bullying?

Now write a story that describes a time when you stood up for a classmate who was being bullied. Your story should tell your reader what you learned about helping others.
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