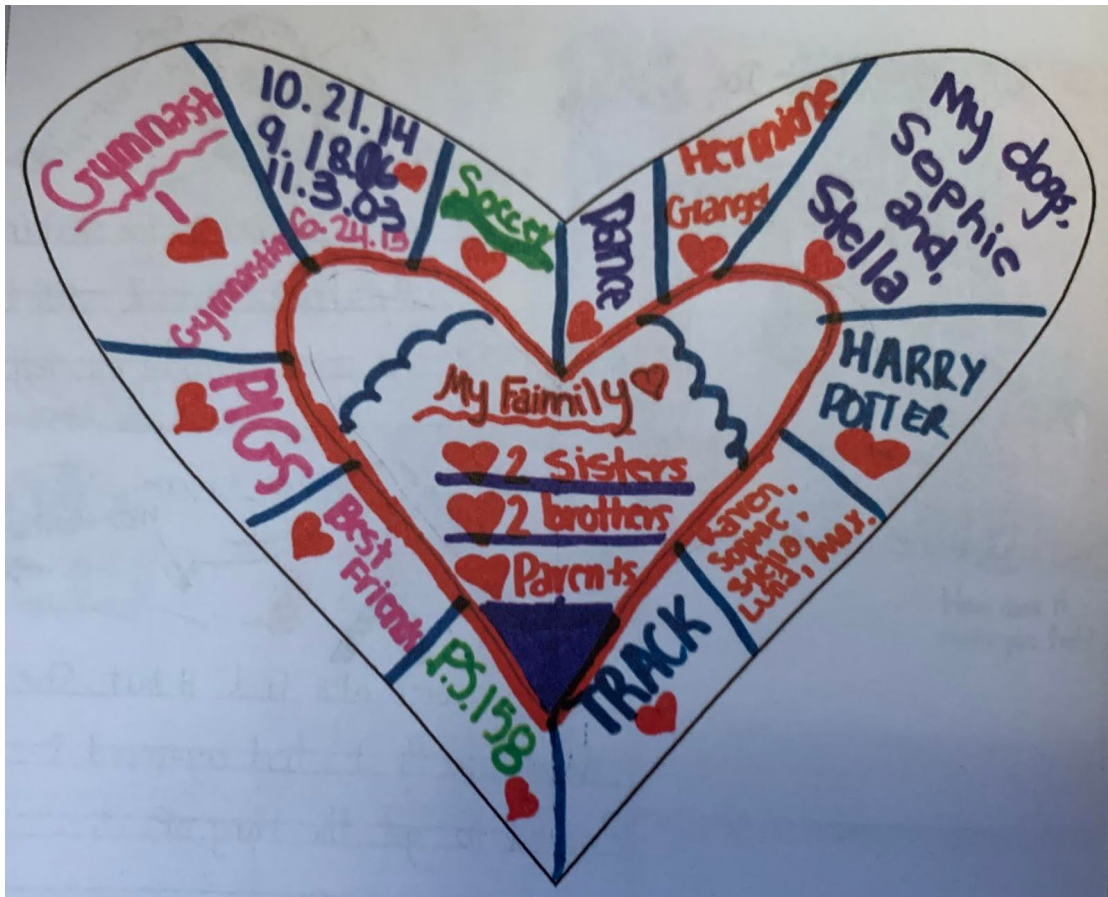


Week 4: April 20-24, 2020

Writing Prompts and Tips

Author Neil Gaiman says: "The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before." I would love to see what you make--even if it has nothing to do with these prompts! And, if you complete the steps of the writing process, you will have the option to be featured on the website the following week.

- Monday:
 - Prompt: Write your own author biography, just like the ones that appear on the jackets of books. Answer questions about yourself, such as: Where are you from? What have you done that you are proud of? What are your talents? Favorite things? Who are the most important people in your life? (Use third-person point of view.)
 - *Tip: To plan, draw a large heart on a notebook page. What feels closest to your heart? Write it in the center. What else makes you... you? Jot each idea in a different section.*



- Tuesday:
 - Prompt: Think about one of your special talents. Write a guide that teaches readers how to do it, too. Are you an expert on "How to Draw a Friendly Horse" or do you know the secret for "How to Make the Best Sandwich"?
 - *Tip: This is a great time to concentrate on organization. What steps do you need to include so that your reader can copy them? In what order do they make the most sense?*

- Wednesday:
 - Prompt: Write a guidebook that will convince tourists to visit your hometown--or an imaginary town. What places should they definitely see? Where should they eat? What activities do locals love to do?
 - *Tip: This is a type of persuasive writing, so remember to make your town seem as exciting as you can. Try asking and answering the question "so what?" about each of your sights to make sure you include interesting reasons.*

- Thursday:
 - Prompt: One morning your character wakes up and realizes they are magnetic....
 - *Tip: When you finish, act out the story using **only movement, facial expressions, and props**--no words. Have someone guess what happened.*

- Friday:
 - Prompt: Pretend you are describing the color red (or another color) to someone who cannot see colors.
 - *Tip: Think, what does this color remind you of? Compare it to something else using similes (this color is like summer) and metaphors (this color is happiness).*

Make Your Own Audiobook

Entertain your friends by making an audiobook to share on [Book Creator](#)! Watch [this video](#) for instructions, or find written tips and steps below.

Tips:

- Choose a story or poem you know well and have practiced reading.
- Make your voice sound smooth, like you are having a conversation.
- Make your voice match the character who is talking and the feeling of the scene.
- Watch out for dialogue tags, like "shouted" or "whispered".

Steps:

1. Go to <https://app.bookcreator.com/sign-in>
2. Sign in with your email address, then enter this code: 6MRTXVD
3. Click on "+ New Book".
4. Select a size ("Landscape 4:3" is recommended).
5. Tap the plus (+) button and select "Camera" to take a picture or "Import" to add a screenshot.
6. Add the image of your book's cover.
7. Tap the plus (+) button again and select "Record".
8. Press "Start Recording" and wait for the 3-2-1 countdown.
9. Record your voice reading the title and author. Press "Stop Recording" when you are done.
10. Listen back to your voice. If you made a mistake or think you can make your reading sound even stronger, that's ok! You can delete and record again until it's your best. When you are ready, press "Use Recording".
11. Tap the arrow (>) to add another page and then repeat steps 5-10 until you have recorded the entire story.
12. To listen, go back to the library page and choose your book or someone else's. Click the play button on the bottom right and then select "Read to me".