

Generating a Writing Prompt for ELL Students-SAMPLE

Directions: Complete this template to ensure that the writing prompt you develop has sufficient built-in supports for your ELL students.

Grade: 2 Subject: Writing Date: Week of November 15-19
Learning Objective: Compose correspondence such as thank you notes or letters
Writing Prompt / Task: Choose someone that has done something kind for you. It can be a family member, a friend, someone at school, a coach or teacher, or anyone else in your life. Write a friendly letter to them thanking them for their kindness, and why it was so important to you. Use the friendly letter format we have learned in class and include at least three supporting details.
Checklist to Ensure Limited Bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prompt does not refer to a specific cultural holiday, event, custom, or other cultural norm that may exclude any students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prompt uses vocabulary and examples or scenarios that are accessible to all students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prompt is broad enough that all students will be able to relate, or prompt is described in a way to ensure that all students can connect with it in some way <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prompt does not include a requirement for any specialized knowledge (unrelated to the lesson curriculum) or time is spent teaching this if necessary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is a plan in place to check that all students understand the prompt, or a plan to assist students in understanding the requirements of the prompt if needed

Authentic Audience Who will students be writing for?	A person of their choice that they are thankful for
Suggested Structure and Format Will this be narrative or informational writing? Will students be writing a letter, an essay, a book, a poem, etc?	Friendly letter format (date, greeting, body, closing and signature)
Samples to Share Make sure that students are exposed to several examples of this type of writing.	Friendly letter format template in their writing folders Three examples from last year to share

<p>Planning Tools Provided Will you offer a graphic organizer to help them plan and organize their writing?</p>	<p>Friendly letter format template in their writing folders Graphic organizer with main idea (what they are thankful for) and 3 supporting details (reasons why it was important to them)</p>
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