**Choose Your Own Adventure…**

**Paragraph Writing Assignment**

*Write a paragraph using one of the four types of paragraphs explained below (expository, descriptive, persuasive or narrative). Come up with your own topic, or use the suggestions below.*

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**Instructions:**

* Use the writing process and hand in all parts (brainstorm, outline, draft, editing, good copy)
* Double space your draft and good copy
* Use transition words
* Use figurative language where appropriate (particularly for the descriptive paragraph).

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**EXPOSITORY**:

*Expository writing gives information, explanation or instructions about something. Expository writing is usually developed with facts, statistics, reasons, or examples.*

Possible topics:

* Who is the best musician/artist of all time and why?
* Explain how to do something:
  + A trick on skateboard, bike, wakeboard, dirt bike
  + Change a tire
  + Take a great photo
* If you could be any animal for a day, which animal would you be and why?
* If you could travel in time, which year would you go to and why?
* Explain your favourite: vacation spot, sport, book, movie, etc.
* Explain the best or worst day of your life and why.

**DESCRIPTIVE:**

*Descriptive writing describes a person, place, object or event in detail. It creates a vivid picture of whatever it is you are trying to describe by using the 5 senses. (What does it look like, sound like, feel like, taste like, and smell like?)*

Possible Topics:

* Describe your:
  + Favourite: person, place, object, animal, etc.
  + A concert you went to
  + Your favourite season or time of year
  + A mythical or imaginary place
  + An amusement park
  + Your dream home

\*Be sure to use plenty of figurative language (similes, metaphors, imagery, adjectives, the 5 senses).

**PERSUASIVE:**

*Persuasive writing attempts to convince the reader of something. This topic sentence should clearly state the writer’s opinion on the topic.*

Possible Topics:

* School should be shorter/longer/outside/start later/etc.
* Phones should be allowed in class
* The driving age should be lowered to 14
* Reality TV is not real
* Social media has a positive/negative impact on humans
* Electric cars should be mandatory
* People who harm animals should have more sever punishment

**NARRATIVE:**

*Narrative writing tells a story or relays a series of events. It is usually in chronological order and can be real or imaginary.*

Possible Topics:

* A time you got lost
* Your best story ever
* Your most embarrassing moment
* Your greatest accomplishment
* Imagine you traded places with a famous person
* One day a spaceship lands on the field
* You woke up one morning with a super power
* You find a secret door and pathway in the school

**OTHER IDEAS:**

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