**Menu of Grade 5 Writing Options**

**Expository:**

Choose an important event you have learned about in social studies. Write an expository essay explaining why this event was important in the past and how it influences our lives today. Researching this event to gather more information and further develop your essay would enhance the experience.

Choose an important idea you have learned about in science. Write an expository essay explaining why this idea is important and how it influences our lives today. Researching this idea to gather more information and further develop your essay would enhance the experience.

Select a person who has inspired or motivated you in life. This could be a famous person or historical figure. Write an expository essay explaining why this person inspires you. Creating a multimodal presentation to share this person’s impact on your life would enhance the experience.

Analyze a character from a book that you read recently. Consider this character’s traits, feelings, dialogue, and motives. Think about how the character changes throughout the story. Write an expository essay explaining how you and this character are alike and different. Include specific examples from the book to further elaborate your essay.

**Narrative:**

Based on your favorite genre of fiction, write a narrative story that follows the characteristics of the genre you select. Create a plan for your writing using some of your favorite books or stories as examples. Be sure to include plot events, story elements, descriptive detail, and dialogue. Publish and share your story with others through a book or online platform.

Genre options:

* Fantasy
* Humor
* Fable/fairy tale
* Realistic fiction
* Historical fiction
* Folklore/tall tales
* Mythology
* Mystery

Think about a time that made you feel worried or nervous. Create a personal narrative based on this emotional experience in your life. Write a detailed account of the experience using plot events and story elements to engage your audience. By the end of the story, include how you overcame your worry.

Choose a younger child in your life to interview. This could be a brother, sister, cousin, neighbor, or friend. Ask about favorite colors, foods, hobbies, and interests. Based on the responses, create a superhero character for this child. Write a creative narrative featuring this superhero using plot events, story elements, descriptive details, and dialogue. Be sure to include how this superhero character helps other people. Designing a comic book for your narrative and sharing it with the child who inspired the story would enhance the experience.