

Writing Workshop

September 24-25; 29- October 2

Due on Friday, October 2nd **ONE REQUIRED and ONE OPTIONAL**

- Required**
- A **draft** of one Response to a Writing Prompt (**Handwritten**)
 - Please respond to one of the prompts found on the back of this handout.
 - This same draft showing YOUR proofreading marks and revisions.
 - A final, typed copy of this essay response. **Standard MLA Format**

Optional Choices

- 5 Cinquain poems centered on a central theme of your choice
 - 3 poems of at least 10 lines each (NO ACCROSTIC POEMS)
 - A fictional piece
 - A book review of at least 300 words
 - A movie review of at least 300 words
 - A memoir
 - A personal narrative
- } Read at least 4 examples of these before you write one a review. These are not book reports. Your audience for these is your classmates.

Labeling your work

When you turn in your work in on Friday:

- Paperclip your draft to the back your typed copy of the Response to a Prompt
- Title of this response should help identify the prompt you responded to.
- Name, date, class needs to be typed in the upper left hand corner of the paper.

- On Option work: Your name, date, class needs to be typed in upper left hand corner of paper.
- Each of these pieces must have appropriate, creative title
- All must be typed.

Response to Writing Prompts

Read your choices below. Choose the one that most interests you.

1. Have you ever been to a zoo? Have you ever witnessed animal performances such as those of dolphins or orcas? Recall those times and consider this: Are zoos cruel to these animals? Would animals be better off if we viewed them only in their natural habitat, without glass, bars, or artificial rocks or oceans? In an essay to be published in the opinion section of the Muncie Star Press, defend your position to this question.
2. If you could change one rule Cowan has, what would it be and why? Be sure to clearly state the changed rule, provide reasons for changing the rule, and address any potential arguments against changing the rule.
3. Address whether or not the school day should start one hour later which would extend the day by one hour (9:10 to 4:00). Be sure to take a stand on one side of the issue, address the educational aspects of it, and discuss its implications for families.
4. Random drug testing has been implemented in many school districts including Cowan. Proponents cite the rampant use of performance enhancing drugs and other illegal drugs. Opponents claim it is a violation of individual rights. In your essay, take a stand on either side of the issue. Regardless of your position, be sure to address the increase of illegal drugs and the potential violation of individual rights.