Miss Lee’s 2012-2013 Writing Prompts

1. Imagine you had a hundred dollars, but you couldn't keep it. You had to give it away to a person or charity. Who would you give it to? What would you want them to do with it?
2. Describe one time when you were brave.
3. If you could cook any meal for your family, what would you cook? Describe the meal and tell how you would make it.
4. Imagine you woke up and saw a dinosaur in your backyard. Write a story telling what you see and do.
5. Imagine you opened your own restaurant. Tell the name of your restaurant. Explain what the restaurant looks like, who works there, and what you serve.
6. Describe your favorite character from a book, a movie, or television.
7. Write a story titled, "My Journey on a Pirate Ship." You and your friends can star in the story.
8. If you could have any animal for a pet, what would it be? Describe the pet and how you would take care of it.
9. Do you have any brothers or sisters? If you do, tell what they're like. If not, tell whether or not you would like to have a brother or sister.
10. . If you could have lunch with any famous person who would it be? What would you talk about with this person?
11. Write a page CONTRASTING your favorite band/musician with your least favorite band/musician
12. A cliché is an overused phrase which has lost its meaning or its emphasis because of overuse. Write a page about two characters that live in cliché-land- where everything, everyone and most of the speech is cliché.
13. If you knew you were going to be banished to an igloo for the rest of your life, what five items would you take along? (Assume you would get all the food, water, heaters, and warm clothes you needed.) Explain your reasons.
14. Angela is sly as a fox is a *simile* (compares two things using like or as). Michael is a dog is a *metaphor* (implies one thing is another). WRITE a piece that contains three metaphors and three similes (not clichés).
15. Think about your favorite holiday and write down the first 6 words that come to mind, and then compose a six-line poem using one of those words in each line. For an extra challenge, rhyme line one with line two, line three with line four, and line five with line six.
16. A fable is a story which teaches a moral or lesson, often using animals as main characters. Make a modern day fable that teaches the lesson: don’t chew gum in school.
17. Write a page that begins with, “If I was king/queen, I would never have to…”
18. Twenty years have passed and Bailey Middle School has asked you to be a speaker at the 8th grade graduation. Write a speech giving advice to the 8th graders and discuss what your life has been like since leaving BMS.
19. Foreshadowing is a technique of providing clues about what’s to come in the story without actually giving away the plot. Write a page foreshadowing one of the following events: the inheritance of a fortune, the downfall of a major corporation, or the discovery of a crime.
20. What’s your favorite commercial? Suppose you work in advertising and you’ve been assigned to write a “sequel” to this commercial. Write a summary of the new ad- and possibly write a script.
21. Skilled persuasive writers can be convincing even about a position they don’t believe in. Write a persuasive piece arguing that every American teenager should be required to serve in the army for two years (even during peacetime).
22. If you could be a celebrity for one day, who would it be? First explain why you would want to be that person, then, what you would do as that person for a day.
23. Describe your first day of kindergarten appealing to all five senses: sight, smell, sound, touch and taste.
24. Imagine that you fell down a mine shaft with nothing more than a pair of extra socks, some dental floss, a mini-flashlight, a bag of pretzels, and a set of keys. You managed to survive for two days and then freed yourself. Tell the story of how you escaped. Try to create a suspenseful mood for your story.
25. Write a story that supports the claim *rich people are not always happy*.
26. What's a ***good*** friend? Some people say that a real friend is someone who tells you **everything** about himself or herself, someone to whom you tell everything yourself. Others disagree, and say that some things are private, and that it's not always important to share everything with friends -- even good friends.
     What do you think? Is a good friend someone who supports you no matter what? Should a friend be similar to you -- dress the way you dress, like the same things you like -- or is it possible to have a good friend who's very **unlike** you?
     What is your idea of what friendship is all about?
     Write about it, and give some examples.
27. There are most likely many things in your life for which you are thankful, but spend a few minutes thinking about what is at the top of your list. What makes you thankful?