

## **Interactive Stories**

<http://www.childrenstory.com/tales/unicorn/unipage.html>

<http://www.lil-fingers.com/sky/>

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/index.html#books>

## **Expository Prompts:**

1. Think about how new computers can benefit your school. Your principal has decided that students in your school can have several new computers in your classroom. Write an essay for the school newspaper about how the new computers will be used to benefit your learning.
2. Transportation is a necessary part of modern life. Write an essay that explains how the car is used by American families. Explain how it is used for business, pleasure, and emergencies. Your essay will be in a new social studies book.
3. Write an essay about the differences between two different types of insects. Give examples of how each type is adapted to its environment.
4. Think of an activity that you know well enough to teach to someone else. It might be something you do everyday, such as brushing your teeth or making your bed or it might be a special activity, such as making a finger puppet or planting a flower. Write two paragraphs instructing a friend of yours how to do the activity.

Read the following to the students:

Begin by picturing yourself doing the activity from start to finish. Be sure to list each step in order. Describe what you do first. What you do next and so on. List any tools or materials you use. When you are finished, be sure to proofread your work. Check your spelling and punctuation and make any necessary changes.

5. Write an expository essay telling about your one favorite subject in school. Be sure to include details and/or examples to support your writing.

### **6. Choice #1**

You just walked into your kitchen. Your favorite food is cooking on the stove. Write a paragraph describing what you see, hear, touch, or smell.

### **Choice #2**

Think of a place where you have had the most fun. Write a paragraph describing that place. Families have many traditions at holiday time. Some families cook special foods. Others shop for and wrap gifts, decorate the house, and have many other fun times together.

Write an expository essay to tell your class about some of the things that you like to do with your family during holiday time. Give details and examples to help make your writing more interesting.

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There are many things we can do to keep ourselves healthy. We need to eat healthy foods, keep ourselves clean, get rest and exercise, and many other things.

Think about the things you think are important to do to stay healthy. Write an expository essay to share your ideas with your classmates.

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In school, we learn many things. Some of these things are easy to learn; some are difficult to learn.

Choose one thing you have learned in school. Write an expository essay telling this one thing you learned and why it was important to learn.

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Children love toys! If you were to walk into a toy store, you would see many different kinds of toys. The reason there are so many different kinds of toys is because we all have different tastes. Think about the toys you have loved. Choose one of those toys.

Write an expository essay explaining what one toy is your favorite and why it is a great toy.

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There are many different kinds of homes. Each home has its own unique look and its own unique family living inside it. Homes are very important to us. They protect us from bad weather and give us a place to rest. Write an expository essay explaining why homes are so important.

Students depend on teachers for many things. The work teachers do is very important to all of us. Think about the teachers you have had and the ways they have helped you. Write an expository paper explaining how teachers are important.

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Your class is going to get a classroom pet to take care of and enjoy at school. Students may suggest any kind of pet for the classroom. What one animal would you choose? Why?

Write an expository paper about one animal that would be a good class pet. Explain why you think this animal would be a great pet for your class.

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There are so many things to do in the winter. Someone living in California might participate in different winter activities than someone who lives in Illinois. Choose one thing you enjoy doing in the winter.

Write an expository paper explaining one thing you like to do in the winter and why it is enjoyable.

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A new student has moved to your school and is in your classroom. What are some things he will need to know about your classroom that will help him have a good year?

Write an expository paper explaining some things this new student needs to know and why.

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<http://www.teach-nology.com/arcade/english/>

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like Tic Tac Toe for 2

**Various grammar games**

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