4TH & 5TH GRADE WRITING CHOICE BOARDS



NOTE TO THE TEACHER

This resource contains 7 writing choice boards that can be used in grades 3-5. Each choice board contains 15 prompts per genre for the students to complete independently or with groups. That is a total of 105 prompts! The choice boards could be used for homework, independent work, or literacy centers. I have also included two different rubrics if you wish to score the students' writing.

These choice boards are available in two formats: with and without a colored background.

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Personal Narrative

Fictional Narrative

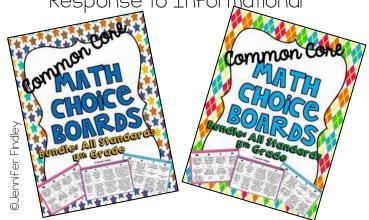
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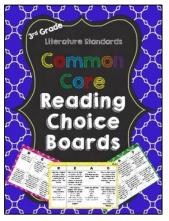
Informational

Finish it! Finishing story starters or titles in all genres.

Response to Literature

Response to Informational





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BLACK AND WHITE

These could be printed and given to the students to write on. They could color in each box after they finish a choice and keep track of which choices have been completed.

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	On a rainy day, you notice that your closet is a portal to another world. Write about your adventures in this other world.	Imagine you find a magic potion. You drink the magic potion, and you notice yourself changing. Write about what happens next.	While sitting in class, you hear a crash coming from the classroom library area. Write about what happens next.	You are at home alone when you notice what appears to be an alien spaceship crash into your backyard. Write about what happens next.	Cartoon characters are often children's favorite "friends" when growing up. Write a fantasy about spending the day with a cartoon character.
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Do you think all students should be allowed to use calculators in math class? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	Some people think students should wear uniforms. What do you think? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	Computers are very important in today's society. Should it be a requirement that all schoolwork be completed on a computer? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	Which do you think would be most helpful to humans: amazing eyesight or super hearing? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	A community member in your town is suggesting that a park and recreation center be turned into a homeless shelter. What do you think? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.
Voting is an important process. When you turn 18, will you choose to vote in elections? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	In your opinion, is it better to give or to receive gifts and compliments? Write an essay that clearly supports your opinion.	At what age should children be given their first cell phone? Persuade the reader to agree with your choice by providing reasons and details.	Write a letter to your school board requesting more vacations or time off from school this year.	Your principal is considering taking away recess from 4 th and 5 th graders because they don't "play." Write a letter to the principal with your opinion.

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	Think of a hobby you really enjoy doing. Write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper, describing your hobby and why you like it.	Think of something you can make with your hands. Write an explanation so that someone else can make the same object.	Inventions make our world the way it is. Write about one helpful invention. Include what it does and how it is helpful.	Think about what you want to be when you grow up. Write a paper about the career you would like.	Think about someone you respect. This can be someone you know or someone you have learned about. Write a paper about this person.
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SCORIN9 RUBRIC

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