

FOURTH GRADE EXPOSITORY WRITING PROMPTS

- ▶ Describe how "changing classes" in middle school with different teachers and classrooms for each class will differ from the way you experience an average school day now.
- ▶ With more students and more classrooms, you may or may not have classes with your friends when you enter middle school. Explain some things you can do when most of your friends are in classes other than yours.
- ▶ Describe some things that you can do if you don't like one of your middle school teachers.
- ▶ Define "peer pressure" and explain ways it can be both a positive and negative influence in your life.
- ▶ Using a map or floor plan of your new middle school, describe how you might get around to your classes, lunchroom, lockers, etc.
- ▶ Describe how things will be different for you in middle school when you have a locker to put your things in. What will you put in your locker? Will you decorate it in any way?
- ▶ Explain the rules and requirements at your new middle school and where they differ from your current school.
- ▶ Think about the homework you have in the 4th grade and explain how homework might differ in middle school.
- ▶ When you enter middle school, describe some ways that you can go about making new friends.
- ▶ Define the characteristics that make a good friend.
- ▶ Explain several ways that you might handle someone who is trying to bully you.
- ▶ Define what being a good listener means to you, and explain ways you can be a good listener in your new middle school environment.
- ▶ Define the term "time management" and describe ways you can make use of it in middle school.
- ▶ Describe how you believe you have matured in the past year.
- ▶ Mistakes are not all bad if you learn from them. Think of a mistake you've made and explain what lesson you learned from it.
- ▶ Define the term "dress code" and explain why a school might have a dress code.
- ▶ Explain several reasons that a uniform might be more convenient for students than choosing their own clothes.
- ▶ Describe how you would deal with a good friend who is angry with you.
- ▶ Describe the best ways to maintain good grades in middle school.
- ▶ Explain what a "homework buddy" is and why having one could be helpful.
- ▶ Define what it means to work independently and describe ways you think you could work more independently in middle school.
- ▶ Explain why making eye contact as both a listener and a speaker is important.
- ▶ Think of something about middle school that makes you nervous. Describe how you feel and what you think the experience will be like.
- ▶ Define several qualities that make someone a good leader, and explain how you can work to better embody those principles.
- ▶ Describe several things you would look for in your ideal high school.
- ▶ Explain how middle school will be different from elementary school. Which aspects are you most excited about?
- ▶ Define what qualities make someone a good student. Do you consider yourself a good student? Why or why not?
- ▶ Explain what you would do if a teacher gave you an assignment you didn't understand.
- ▶ Think of something new you will experience in middle school that you've never experienced before. Describe what you think it will be like.
- ▶ Describe several of the new responsibilities you'll have when you enter middle school.