

**Writing Assignment Menu – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Below is a grid with 3 different writing assignments. By the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (October 30), you must have completed 1 of these assignments. You must choose your assignment from each row, then may choose any other 1 you wish to complete. Be sure to date the assignments when you finish them—cross out the assignment from the menu and write the date in the box. Keep all of your planning and rough drafts. When you have finished all 3 assignments, paperclip them together with this sheet on top and turn them all in at once.

<p>Pick a nonfiction book from either the classroom or school library. Take notes on the important information from the book, and write a summary (2-3 paragraphs), making sure to identify the main idea and supporting details from the text. (Include the title of the book!)</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>	<p>You know a lot about a variety of things—pick something you feel that you know a lot about (a sport/game, a TV show, a book, etc.) and write 2-3 paragraphs explaining all that you know about that topic. (Make sure your information is well-organized!)</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>	<p>Think of some things you've learned outside of school (from TV, family members, experiences you've had). Write 2-3 paragraphs explaining what you learned and why this information is important.</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>
<p>Write instructions for "how to" do something. Include diagrams/illustrations whenever possible. Be specific and detailed with your instructions.</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>	<p>Imagine that our class is creating a class cookbook. Write a recipe for something you like to make and eat at home to be included in our cookbook. Don't forget to include all the parts of a recipe—materials/ingredients, steps, etc.</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>	<p>Imagine that you are going on a vacation to a cabin without any TV, computers, or video games. Brainstorm a list of things you could do to keep busy. Write an article for a newspaper explaining all of the ideas for how to keep busy without TV, computers, or video games.</p> <p>Date _____ completed _____</p>

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Common Core Standards: **L.W.2 (Informative/Explanatory Text)** & **L.W.3 (Narrative Text)**