

Writing Prompts on Nature

Elementary:

1. Describe what you see outdoors. What's new to you? What's the same? What do you see the most? What's missing?
2. How do you feel when you spend time outside, and opposed to when you spend time inside?
3. When you go outside, what senses are you most thankful to have? Why?
4. Looking at the sky, describe how it changes over time. If possible, do this at sunrise, and again at noon, and again at sunset, and again after it's gotten dark.
5. Write a short story about an animal you see outside.

Middle School:

1. Write a short story about the adventures of an insect you see outside, like the movie, "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids!"
2. Describe a place you'd most like to experience in nature that you've never been to before.
3. Explain why you do or do not consider yourself a nature-lover.
4. If the big, old trees could talk, what would they say to the younger saplings?
5. Imagine you're a soaring bird up above. Describe what you see.

High School:

1. Many of the big trees are over a hundred years old. Write about the things they've weathered over the years, and describe what it means to be resilient.
2. Describe an environmental injustice in your community, and make a specific call to action.
3. Explain how you fit into the natural community of plant and animal life in your neighborhood.
4. Capture the minutia in nature. Then, in reverse, capture its grandeur.
5. It's important to have Earth Day because...