Bell Ringer Journal for the School Year

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**BELL RINGER JOURNAL**

**TABS FOR ORGANIZATION**

**Directions:**

1. Choose color or black and white tabs.
2. Cut out the tabs below. *Laminate if you wish, but it’s not necessary.
3. Paste the tabs on the correlating cover pages for each month.
4. Use the tabs to find your place throughout the year.

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In detail, describe your favorite memory from summer break. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

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“ANY DAY IN AUGUST IS BETTER THAN A DAY IN JANUARY.” -KEITH VIK

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

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Explain the typo in the image above. Then, develop a solution for the error.

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THURSDAY

Choose one of the students depicted in the image. Then, write a short narrative describing their current situation. Be detailed in your writing by using imagery and figurative language. Write your narrative below!

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with school mandated uniforms.
In detail, describe your **least** favorite memory from summer break. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

"EVERYTHING GOOD, EVERYTHING MAGICAL HAPPENS BETWEEN THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND AUGUST." - JENNY HAN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

Explain the typo in the image above. How might this typo hurt their business?
THURSDAY

Choose one of the students depicted in the image. Then, write a short narrative describing a secret they haven’t told anyone. Be detailed in your writing by using imagery and figurative language. Write your narrative below!

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

FREE HIGHER EDUCATION

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with higher education being paid for by the government.
In detail, describe one SMART goal you’ve set for this school year. Then, explain how you plan on achieving that goal. Check back periodically throughout the year to hold yourself accountable.

"IF YOU’RE YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF, YOU HAVE NO COMPETITION." - SCOTT STRATTEN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

Beyonce' Super Bowl halftime performance was actually amazing, can’t stop watching it!

Explain the typo in the image above. Then, write the CORRECT version of the tweet.
THURSDAY

What is your favorite summer-time food dish? Below, describe why this is your favorite meal and the memories that come to mind when eating the food. Be detailed and descriptive in your answer.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

CELL PHONES IN CLASS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the use of cell phones in class.
In detail, explain a time in which you did something you regretted. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." - Scott Adams

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

I love a guy who smells good but I can't stand being around a guy who smells like they bathed themselves in their colon this morning.

Explain the typo in the image above. Then, re-write the tweet correctly.
THURSDAY

Write about your favorite book. Provide the following in your description:
1. Summary
2. Favorite character
3. Level of difficulty
4. Reason why it is your favorite
5. Other books written by the same author that you’d like to read

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

BANNED BOOKS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with banning certain books in schools.
Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

HELI COPTER * DISEASE * KITTEN * CACTUS * DESERT

TUESDAY

“NOBODY HAS THE POWER TO SHATTER YOUR DREAMS UNLESS YOU GIVE IT TO THEM.”
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

I can’t watch tv with people crying. I’ll start balling with them in two seconds.

Explain the typo in the image above. Then, re-write the tweet correctly.

WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY

Describe what the girl in the picture is running from. Use imagery and other elements of figurative language to create a visual for your readers. Write your description on the lines provided below.

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OPINIONS Matter

ANIMAL TESTING

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with banning certain books in schools.
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MONDAY
In detail, describe how you feel about the month of September. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

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"IF WE LEARN NOTHING ELSE FROM THIS TRAGEDY, WE LEARN THAT LIFE IS SHORT AND THERE IS NO TIME FOR HATE." - SANDY DAHL, WIFE OF PILOT OF FLIGHT 93 JASON DAHL

What tragedy is Sandy Dahl referring to in this quote? Why do you think she said this quote?
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WEDNESDAY

26 YEARS OF THOTFULNESS
Kreidler Funeral Homes

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THURSDAY

Describe the thoughts going through each firefighter’s mind as they raise the American flag over the remnants of Ground Zero on September 11th 2001. Be detailed in your explanations. Think about the events that took place and empathize with each firefighter.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

THE DEATH PENALTY

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the death penalty.
### Monday

In detail, describe an accomplishment that you are MOST proud of. Be sure to use descriptive writing and figurative language to describe the reward.

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### Tuesday

“THE JOY WE FEEL HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR LIVES AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE FOCUS OF OUR LIVES.” -RUSSELL M. NELSON  
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

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### Wednesday

![Manager’s Special! Flue Shots $19.99](image)

Explain the typo in the image above. Would you want to get your shot from this company? Why or why not?

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Write a poem about the image to the right. Your poem can be about anything that comes to mind when you look at the image. *Minimum of six lines.

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OPINIONS Matter

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

BANNING HOMEWORK

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the banning of homework in schools.
In detail, explain how you have changed (physically, emotionally, intellectually, mentally, etc) from last school year. Why do you think you’ve made such a significant change? Explain.

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.” – GEORGE R.R MARTIN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

Ok, it's officially summer: here are 15 New York restaurants serving stellar soft-shell crap sandwiches. grb.st/1oEHBXM

Explain the typo in the image above. Why might this hurt Grub Street’s credibility?
THURSDAY

Using your five senses (hear, taste, see, smell, feel), describe what the person in the image is experiencing. Also, describe his inner voice and thoughts (what is going through the person’s mind). Tell their story.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

REQUIRED PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with physical education being required of students.
Write down your favorite quote or saying. Then, explain why this quote has meaning to you and applies directly to your life.

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"YOU DON'T WRITE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, YOU WRITE BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY." - F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL NUMBER TWENTY

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18 PROGRESS REPORT
23DISMISSAL 1:00-PM
24-31 SCHOOL CLOSED
SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY

Choose one person in this crowd of people and tell their story. Where are they going? What are they thinking? How are they feeling? What do they see? You can develop your own story for that person OR put yourself in that person’s shoes and tell it with first person point of view.

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FRIDAY

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

CYBERBULLYING THAT EXISTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, PUNISHED IN SCHOOL.

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with schools being responsible for punishing cyberbullying students.

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:
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TUESDAY

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Do you agree or disagree with this quote?
Explain your reasoning below.

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WEDNESDAY

“EMPLOYEE’S Must wash there hands before returning to work!”

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What is at the end of this road? Describe in detail what we would see if we walked to the end of the road. Use imagery and figurative language to create the scene for your readers.

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Choose your stance on the following topic: STANDARDIZED TESTING

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with standardized testing determining whether or not a student graduated or moves on to the next grade.
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In detail, write about someone who has impacted your life in a positive way. Be sure to describe how they’ve played a significant role in detail.

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“NO MAN HAS A GOOD ENOUGH MEMORY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL LIAR” – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Write about a time that you’ve lied.

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WEDNESDAY

I like cooking my family and pets.

Use commas. Don’t be a psycho.

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THURSDAY

What is the most stressful thing about school, in your opinion? Describe what causes your stress and how you cope with the stress. What do you think the student in the picture is stressed about?

FRIDAY

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

HUMAN CLONING

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the cloning of humans.
How do you celebrate Halloween? What meaning does the holiday hold for you? Explain your answer using complete sentences.

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“TOO MUCH AGREEMENT KILLS A CHAT.” - ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

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CAUTION: YOUR UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

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Where are the people in the image travelling to? Create their story and describe their journey in a narrative format. Be sure to include imagery and figurative language to create a visual for your readers.

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the democracy being the best form of government.
"INTELLECTUAL GROWTH SHOULD COMMENCE AT BIRTH AND CEASE ONLY AT DEATH."
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

How has social media changed our communication skills as a society?
THURSDAY

Create the dialogue between the woman in the picture and the person on the other line. What are they talking about? How are they both feeling? Where is the other person?

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:
SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the government’s role in our second amendment rights.
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Write about a teacher that has impacted your life. What did he or she do or say that was so influential? Be detailed in your answer.

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"GOOD TEACHERS ARE THE REASON WHY ORDINARY STUDENTS DREAM TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS."

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Research has proven that many people use social media as their main source of news. Why might this be problematic? Explain your reasoning.

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THURSDAY
Tell the story of the two teens in the canoe. Where are they from? Where are they going? What are they talking about? How long have they been in the canoe? Be detailed in your descriptions.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:
SMOKING SHOULD BE ILLEGAL

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with making smoking illegal.
Monday:

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

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"RACISM SPRINGS FROM IGNORANCE."
-MARIO BALOTELLI

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Wednesday:

Do you think social media will impact our future generations in a positive or negative way? Explain your reasoning.

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If you discovered the world was ending and the ONLY form of shelter was this tree, how would you make it feel like home? What would your tree-house look like on the outside? The inside?

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OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with performance enhancing drugs being allowed in sports.
Monday

Many associate the month of November with Thanksgiving. Create a list of 10 specific things you are thankful for.

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“BE CURIOUS, NOT JUDGEMENTAL.”
-WALT WHITMAN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? How would our society be different if all people followed this rule?
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Wednesday

Social Media

Could you live without social media? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
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A commonly asked question is: what do you want to be when you grow up? Using the space below, describe the career path you would like to pursue after you graduate high school. How do you plan on reaching your goals?

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OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with schools adopting year-round education.
“WEALTH IS THE ABILITY TO FULLY LIVE LIFE.” –HENRY THOREAU

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

The image above shows the first computer created. How would your life be different if you were born 30 years ago? Explain your answer.

CURRENT EVENTS: What is something important going on in your community today? Write about your personal stance on the topic.
THURSDAY

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Create and design a new animal using the image to your left. What does the animal look like? How does the animal behave? What are its key characteristics? Draw a picture of the animal below.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

TEACHERS BEING REPLACED BY COMPUTERS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the teachers being replaced by computers.
"IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE, TRY IGNORANCE." -DEREK BOK

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of this saying, below.

If you had the opportunity to direct an original film, what would your movie be about? Be sure to title your film and describe its plot.
THURSDAY

It’s the middle of November. If you could be anywhere right now, where would you be and why? Describe where you are, what you see, how you feel, and who you are with.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

HIGHER EDUCATION

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with requiring students to attend college upon graduation.
We’ve all heard the phrase “take a walk down memory lane.” What does your memory lane look like? Describe it in detail.

ANY SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IS EQUIVALENT TO MAGIC.” -ARTHUR C. CLARKE

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

How do you take action against cyber bullying? What can we, as a society, do to protect victims of bullying via social media?
THURSDAY
Tell the story of this picture from the perspective of the wave. Use your 5 senses, imagery, and other figurative language to create an image for the reader.

FRIDAY
OPINIONS
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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:
HIGHER TAXES

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with requiring the rich to pay higher taxes.
MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

SOCKS * HORSE * CAMERA * CAT FOOD * CHOCOLATE

TUESDAY

"IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, YOU CAN. AND IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T, YOU'RE RIGHT." – MARY KAY ASH

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

WEDNESDAY

What is your opinion on group projects? Do you prefer working with others or working alone? Why? Explain your reasoning.
THURSDAY

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY

Describe what the women in the picture just witnessed. Use imagery and other figurative language to describe the scene to the audience.

FRIDAY

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

EUTHANASIA

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with euthanasia.
Dec.
MONDAY

Create a list of 15 words that describe the month of December. Use unique, uncommon adjectives, too!

TUESDAY

"KINDNESS IS LIKE SNOW - IT BEAUTIFIES EVERYTHING IT COVERS." - KAHLIL GIBRAN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? What is your favorite memory involving snow?

WEDNESDAY

Would you rather find yourself rich with money or rich with love? Explain.
THURSDAY

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Describe the personality and physical appearance of the three people sitting by the fire. What are they thinking? How are they feeling? What is the atmosphere? Be detailed in your answer!

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

LIFE AFTER DEATH

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with life existing after death.
"CHILDREN ARE NOT VESSELS TO BE FILLED BUT LAMPS TO BE LIT." – SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

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If you could walk a mile in someone else’s shoes, who would you choose and why? What would you hope to learn about that person?

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CURRENT EVENTS: What is something important going on in your community today? Write about your personal stance on the topic.
THURSDAY

Imagine this: You’re on your way to a friend’s house and you are in a car accident. The driver who hit you was texting and driving. How would you persuade the other driver to stop texting and driving in a non-aggressive manner?

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Choose your stance on the following topic:

TEXTING & DRIVING

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the current laws on texting and driving.
"THINK FOR YOURSELVES AND LET OTHERS ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE TO DO SO, TOO" - VOLTAIRE

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?

Why is it important for people to have freedom of speech and thought?

If your teacher asked you to teach a “life lesson” that you have learned so far during your time here on earth, what lesson would you teach and why?

MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

TREE * ORNAMENT * STOCKING * ELEPHANT
THURSDAY

Define competition. Why is healthy competition important in everyday life? Explain your answer with examples of competition in your own life.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

FELON VOTING

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with felons who have completed their sentence being able to vote.
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What are your plans for winter break? Do you spend time with family, friends, or do you prefer to be alone?

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THURSDAY

Imagine you are on the same deserted island as the bell ringer prompt from Wednesday. Which three people would you wish to join you and why? These can be people you know personally or not!

FRIDAY

Choose your stance on the following topic: Obesity

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with obesity being considered a disease.
Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

**INSTAGRAM * CUP * JOURNAL * YOGURT * FLOWERS**

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“IT IS TODAY WE MUST CREATE THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE.” - ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

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Describe in detail what you see in the picture.
THURSDAY

If you received a phone call being told to drop everything you were doing and go to a specific location or something “bad” would happen, how would you respond? Why?

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

Choose your stance on the following topic:

SOCIAL MEDIA

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with social media being a news outlet.
Jan.
Write three new year’s resolution in the space below. Make your resolutions in a SMART way (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely).

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A common tradition in America is to set off fireworks to celebrate the new year. Write a 6 line poem describing the events depicted in the picture. You can write about the fireworks OR the new beginnings that show with the new year.

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree that Western medicine is the best form of healthcare.
"THE EYE SEES ONLY WHAT THE MIND IS PREPARED TO COMPREHEND." – HENRI BERGSON

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

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Would you rather have more TIME or more MONEY? Why?

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THURSDAY

Write about your favorite animal or pet. Why do you think people view their relationship with animals as a companionship? Have you ever experienced this kind of “friendship” with a pet? Explain in detail.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with animals having the same rights as humans.
"DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD; GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL." –RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?
Why is it important to avoid following others?

If you found out that the world was ending tomorrow, how would you spend your last day? Explain in detail.
SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY

Describe your favorite childhood memory. How did you feel in that moment? Describe your experience in detail.

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

DRESS CODES IN SCHOOL

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with each school having a specific dress code that students must follow.
MONDAY

If the month of January were a person, what would he or she look like? What would he or she act like? Describe this “person” in detail.

TUESDAY

“IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE, AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER.” -JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

WEDNESDAY

Would you rather live in an URBAN or RURAL environment?
If you could go on vacation anywhere in the world with your best friend, where would you go, what would you do, and why? Describe your answers in detail.

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with prayer in public schools.
MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

BASKET * TEA * FRAME * WHITE HOUSE * PRINTER

TUESDAY

“INNOVATION DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN A LEADER AND A FOLLOWER.” - STEVE JOBS

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?
Define innovation. Why is innovation important?

WEDNESDAY

What is your BEST studying tip, trick, or habit? Explain.
SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY

Tell her story. What is on the computer? How is she feeling? How is she reacting? What’s next? Be detailed in your response.

FRIDAY

Opinions Matter

Choose your stance on the following topic:

FAST FOOD INDUSTRY

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with fast food industries being forced to meet a certain health code.
Feb.
**MONDAY**

Taking chances is an important life lesson to learn. Write about a time in which you took a chance and it paid off.

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**TUESDAY**

“Set daily, monthly, and long term goals and dreams.”
Write a daily, monthly, and yearly goal below.

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**WEDNESDAY**

How does a person become rich? Also, how does one become poor?
THURSDAY

Write about a time in which law enforcement (police officers, firefighters, military, etc.) served as a hero. This can be a personal experience or something you’ve seen on the news.

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FRIDAY

OPINIONS

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

FREEDOM OF PRESS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree freedom of press trumping privacy.
**MONDAY**

What is your opinion of Valentine’s Day? Do you celebrate the holiday? Describe your thoughts below in detail.

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**TUESDAY**

“LOVE IS WHEN THE OTHER PERSON’S HAPPINESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR OWN.”
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

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**WEDNESDAY**

How has the internet changed dating? Explain below.

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**THURSDAY**

If you had the opportunity to get cozy and read a book all day, without interruptions, what genre of book would you read? Why? Create a list of potential books you’d like to read.

**FRIDAY**

**OPINIONS Matter**

**SEX EDUCATION**

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with sex education being taught in schools.
"An eye for an eye only ends up making the world blind." - Mahatma Gandhi

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?

What is the deeper meaning of this quote? Explain below.

What kind of technology do you think we will have in the future? Explain in detail below.
THURSDAY
Is bullying a problem in our school? Write about a time in which you were bullied or you witnessed someone else getting bullied. How did you respond?

FRIDAY
Choose your stance on the following topic:
FREE SPEECH ONLINE

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with freedom of speech online.
Monday

Create a superhero. Describe his or her appearance, personality, and superpowers. Then, sketch your superhero below.

Tuesday

"A HERO CAN BE ANYONE—EVEN A MAN DOING SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AND REASSURING AS PUTTING A COAT AROUND A LITTLE BOY’S SHOULDER TO LET HIM KNOW THAT THE WORLD HASN’T ENDED." —BATMAN

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

Wednesday

If you could meet one superhero, who would you choose & why?
THURSDAY

Write about a person you believe to be your “hero”. What did he or she do to demonstrate heroism? Explain your answer on the lines below.

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FRIDAY

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

SMOKING IN PUBLIC

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with banning smoking in public places.
Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

**NOVEL * CHALKBOARD * BOUQUET OF FLOWERS**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

“MONSTERS ARE REAL. AND GHOSTS ARE REAL, TOO. THEY LIVE INSIDE US, AND SOMETIMES THEY WIN.” -STEPHEN KING

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Describe the deeper meaning of the quote.

WEDNESDAY

Would you rather say everything that’s on your mind or never talk again? Explain your reasoning.
If you had the opportunity to publish a book, what would you write about and why? Who would the main characters be?

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with genetically modified food being sold in stores.
It’s finally March! What do the months of spring represent to you? Describe your answer in detail below.

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“IN WINTER, I PLOT AND PLAN. IN SPRING, I MOVE.” –HENRY ROLLINS

What do you think Henry Rollins means by this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the saying below.

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Spring cleaning is a common tradition in America in which people thoroughly clean their home. If you did a spring cleaning in your home, what do you think you’d find? Describe below.

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THURSDAY

According to tradition, a four-leaf clover represents good luck. If you found a four-leaf clover and a genie magically appeared, what three wishes would you want granted? Why? Explain your reasoning.

FRIDAY

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree the legalization of gambling in all states.

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

GAMBLING

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY

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GAMBLING

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GAMBLING

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OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

GAMBLING

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:
"FEAR HAS TWO MEANINGS:
1. FORGET EVERYTHING AND RUN
2. FORGET EVERYTHING AND RISE"

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

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Have you ever experienced a natural disaster? If so, describe it. If not, what is the most recent or current natural disaster that existed globally? Explain.

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Write about your favorite Spring Break memory. Do you think Spring Break is necessary for students and teachers? Why or why not?
THURSDAY

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Name one person you trust. How did he or she earn your trust? Do you find it easy or challenging to trust others? Why? Explain below.

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FRIDAY

NAME YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

MINIMUM WAGE

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with paying minimum wage employees more.
**MONDAY**

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

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**TUESDAY**

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” -St. Augustine

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?
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**WEDNESDAY**

Would you rather lose your keys or your cell phone? Why?
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If you could invent something and have it successfully sold around the world, what would you invent and why? Describe your product in detail.

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FRIDAY

OPINIONS

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

HATE SPEECH

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with hate speech being illegal regardless of freedom of speech.
Look around the classroom and count to ten. When you get to ten, stop and write a poem about the first object that you see. Your poem must be a minimum of 6 lines long and accurately describe the object.

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“IT WAS ONE OF THOSE MARCH DAYS WHEN THE SUN SHINES HOT AND THE WIND BLOWS COLD: WHEN IT IS SUMMER IN THE LIGHT, AND WINTER IN THE SHADE.” -CHARLES DICKENS

Can you relate to this quote? Describe today’s weather in detail.
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If you won a lotter of ONE BILLION dollars, what is the first thing you would do with your money and why?
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THURSDAY

Describe something that makes you angry. How do you deal and cope with anger? How would you help a friend if he or she were in the same situation?

FRIDAY

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

VIOLENCE IN MEDIA

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with violence being permitted in media.
MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

BREAKFAST * LUNCH * DINNER * BRUNCH

TUESDAY

“HOLDING ONTO ANGER IS LIKE DRINKING POISON AND EXPECTING THE OTHER PERSON TO DIE.” –BUDDHA

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

WEDNESDAY

Would you rather have a cabin in the woods or a beach house as a vacation home? Explain your reasoning.
THURSDAY

If you could raise money for one charity, which charity would it be and why? What type of fundraiser would you plan to reach your goal?

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OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

SPANKING

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with spanking as a form of punishment.
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Write about a dream or nightmare that has had a lasting impression on you. What do you think the deeper meaning of the dream was?

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THURSDAY

A common phrase is: “April showers bring may flowers”. How might this phrase apply to other situations in life. For example: the calm before the storm. Create your own!

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OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

ROE VS WADE

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree the outcome of Roe Vs. Wade.
April Fools Day is celebrated every year on April 1st. People play practical jokes and tricks on their victims (April Fools). If you could trick anyone, who would it be and what prank would you pull?

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THURSDAY

Would you rather hear good news or bad news first? Explain your reasoning on the lines below.

FRIDAY

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the legalization of marijuana.
"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people." - Steve Jobs

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Would you rather work for yourself or for a company of people? Why?

What is your favorite movie? Describe the plot and main characters.

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

INSTAGRAM * TWITTER * FACEBOOK * PINTEREST
THURSDAY


FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

SAME SEX RIGHTS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with LGBTQ community members receiving the same benefits as straight community members.
What can older people learn from your generation? What does your generation bring to the table as far as work ethic, innovation, and economics go? Be detailed in your response.

"APOLOGIES DON'T MEAN ANYTHING IF YOU KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE SORRY FOR."

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your reasoning below.

Write about a time in which you experienced heartache. This does not have to be related to a relationship.
SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Imagine you were at a carnival with one of your friends, when suddenly, he or she goes missing. Where do you look first? Write the rest of the story on the lines below.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

MEDIA & BODY IMAGE

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with how the media portrays body image.
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Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

AMUSEMENT PARK * COTTON CANDY * SODA

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TUESDAY

"NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU THINK YOU DISLIKE SCHOOL, YOU’LL ALWAYS MISS IT WHEN YOU LEAVE."

Do you agree or disagree with this quote?

Explain your reasoning below.

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WEDNESDAY

If you were the star of an action film, would you prefer to do your own stunts or have someone do them for you? Why?

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THURSDAY

Create the dialogue (conversation) for the meerkats in the image. What are they talking about? Who is talking?

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OPINIONS

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

ENVIRONMENT

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with spending more time, money, and effort invested in the environment.
How do you define “family”? Describe your experience with family below. Be detailed in your response.

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"PEOPLE MAY HEAR YOUR WORDS, BUT THEY FEEL YOUR ATTITUDE." -JOHN C. MAXWELL
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? What do you think the deeper meaning of the quote is?

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Do you keep a journal or a diary? If you had to write an entry for the events you’ve experienced today, what would it say? Write your entry below.

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If the “book of your life” was being made into a movie, which famous actor or actress would you choose to represent you? Explain your reasoning on the lines below.

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Friday

Choose your stance on the following topic: Commercials

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the existence of commercials. What positive and negative components do they bring?
"THERE'S ONLY ONE THING MORE PRECIOUS THAN OUR TIME, AND THAT'S WHO WE SPEND IT WITH."

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

If you could live during a different time period, which would you choose and why?
THURSDAY

Would you rather have 2 close/best friends or many acquaintances? Explain your reasoning on the lines below.

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FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with women having the same opportunities as men in the military.
"DON'T TRUST EVERYTHING YOU SEE. EVEN SALT LOOKS LIKE SUGAR."

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? What is the deeper meaning of this quote?

Write a six line poem about the image above.
THURSDAY

Do you get test anxiety? If so, how do you cope with it? If not, how do you prevent it? Explain your answer in detail on the lines below.

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FRIDAY

OPINIONS Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

ARMED GUARDS IN SCHOOL

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with police officers being present in schools.
If you were made into a product that could be sold in stores, what would the product be and what catchphrase would you use to describe it? Write your catch phrase and sketch the product.

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“WHAT MESSES US UP MOST IN LIFE IS THE PICTURE IN OUR HEAD OF HOW IT’S SUPPOSED TO BE.”
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

How would you react if you woke up tomorrow morning to this in your face? Explain your thought process below.

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Would you rather be a teacher or a principal? Explain your reasoning on the lines provided below.

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with violence in video games leading to violence in real life.
Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

**MONDAY**

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"I THINK EVERYBODY'S WEIRD. WE SHOULD ALL CELEBRATE OUR INDIVIDUALITY AND NOT BE EMBARRASSED OR ASHAMED OF IT."

—JOHNNY DEPP

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Why do you think people try to hide their quirks?

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**TUESDAY**

Do you see this glass as half-empty or half-full? What's the difference? Define optimism and pessimism.
THURSDAY

Do you consider yourself more left or right brained? Create a list of characteristics for both the left and right brain and then determine your answer.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with genetically modified food being sold in stores.
MONDAY

What are your plans for summer break? Write your plans in detail on the lines provided below.

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“AND SO WITH THE SUNSHINE AND THE GREAT BURSTS OF LEAVES GROWING ON THE TREES, JUST AS THINGS GROW IN FAST MOVIES, I HAD THAT FAMILIAR CONVICTION THAT LIFE WAS BEGINNING OVER AGAIN WITH THE SUMMER.” - F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? What do you think the deeper meaning of the quote is?

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What is your favorite summer activity? Describe in detail below.

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Would you rather be on a losing team, but play often OR a winning team, and sit the bench? Explain your reasoning below.

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SOMETHING I LEARNED THIS WEEK:

Choose your stance on the following topic:

VIOLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with players who have been physically abusive to their spouse being able to play.
"HEALING TAKES COURAGE, AND WE ALL HAVE COURAGE, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO DIG A LITTLE TO FIND IT."

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote below.

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Would you rather receive a material gift or a sentimental gift? Explain your reasoning on the lines provided below.

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THURSDAY

What is your worst fear? Describe the fear in detail using your five senses.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

VOTING AGE

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the voting age being lowered to 16.
"ONE CANNOT THINK WELL, LOVE WELL, SLEEP WELL, IF ONE HAS NOT DINED WELL."  -VIRGINIA WOOLF

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Do you think it is important to consume only food and drink that is healthy for us?

MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

SNAKE * DEODORANT * REFRIGERATOR

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would your meal be?
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Would you rather have to shout everything you say OR read all of your text messages out loud as you read them? Explain your reasoning.

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CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

FAST FOOD & OBESITY

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Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with fast food being responsible for obesity.
**MONDAY**

Define **happiness** and describe what happiness means to you. Then, draw a picture of your ideal happiness in the box below.

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**TUESDAY**

"THE LOVE OF FAMILY AND THE ADMIRATION OF FRIENDS IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE." -CHARLES KURALT

Do you **agree or disagree** with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

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**WEDNESDAY**

If you witnessed someone’s purse being stolen, how would you react? Would your answer change if you knew the suspect could harm you if you told someone?
THURSDAY

If you could play a board game with a famous person, who would you choose and which board game would you play? Explain your reasoning.

FRIDAY

OPINIONS

Matter

CHOOSE YOUR STANCE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

BOOKS VS MOVIES

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with the book being better than the movie.
MONDAY

Write a short narrative including EACH of the following words. Be sure to use imagery to describe the atmosphere, tone, mood, and experience.

PUPPIES * MEDICATION * WYOMING * BBQ

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TUESDAY

“FRIENDSHIP IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL. BUT IF YOU HAVEN’T LEARNED THE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP, THEN YOU HAVEN’T LEARNED ANYTHING.” -MUHAMMAD ALI

Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain the deeper meaning of the quote.

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WEDNESDAY

What is your favorite genre of music? Why is music such an important component in everyday life?

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THURSDAY

What is something you’ve learned this year in my class? Be detailed in your response!

FRIDAY

Choose your stance on the following topic:

NUMERICAL GRADING

Using evidence to support your stance on the above topic, describe why you agree or disagree with grades determining a student’s intelligence.