



Writing Prompt Builder

Stimulate the writing process in your classroom with thousands of images that are ready-made for declarative, persuasive, narrative, and expository writing exercises. You can search the Writing Prompt Library for images accompanied by suggested text or create your own writing prompts with the help of the Writing Prompt Builder.



Creating a New Writing Prompt

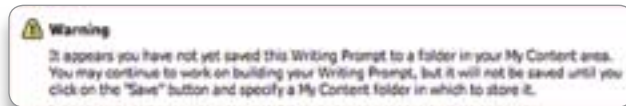
Access the Writing Prompt Builder from anywhere on the site by clicking on the Teacher Center link in the navigation bar at the top of the screen. To get started, click on “Create New” from the Writing Prompt Builder home page and follow these easy steps:



Step 1: General Information

Start by providing information about your writing prompt in the form provided. The writing prompt title, author and school are required fields. You can also select a subject area, grade level(s) and choose from four different types of writing exercises: declarative, persuasive, narrative, or expository. These fields are not required, but they are useful if you decide to share your writing prompt with others.

You can save your writing prompt by clicking on the “Save” button at the bottom of the screen. If you choose not to click “Save,” a warning message will appear on each step thereafter, until you click on the “Save” button and select the folder within My Content to which you would like to save your writing prompt.



NOTE: Make sure to allow pop-ups from *unitedstreaming* when saving a writing prompt to My Content, or hold down the “Control” key when clicking the “Save” button to temporarily allow the pop-up window to open.

Step 2: Select Image

You can search from over 20,000 high quality, photographic images by typing a word or phrase in the Keyword Search or by selecting a subject from the drop down menu. Preview an image by clicking on the thumbnail. When you find an image that you like, click on the link “Add to my Writing Prompt.” Next, select the page orientation and border and then click the “Continue” button.

Step 3: Customize Text

Writing Prompt Builder allows you to select the font type, style, size and color for the title and the caption. You can preview your selections by clicking the “Preview” button. Once you’ve formatted your title and caption, click the “Continue” button.

Step 4: Preview

The Preview feature allows you to see what your writing prompt looks like in its final form. If you wish to make changes simply click on any of the steps in the process chain.

Step 5: Summary

The summary provides writing prompt information you will share with your students. When you provide the Writing Prompt Code, students will need to:

1. Go to www5.unitedstreaming.com/studentcenter
2. Enter the Writing Prompt Code, and their first and last name in the fields provided.

When you provide the Student Center Link, students are taken directly to *unitedstreaming*’s Student Center. The Writing Prompt Code will be pre-populated and students simply enter their first and last name in the field provided.