

GED: Writing ... Topics for Practice Essays

General Topics:

[A Friend](#): Write about what being a friend means to you. Describe what friends do and how they behave with each other and with other people. What happens when friends disagree?

[Improve the World](#): What you would do to improve the world? Think of actions you could take to help make the world a better place.

[Something I Learned from a Bad Experience](#): Think about something bad that happened to you, but taught you something. Write about this experience and what you learned from it. Do you think that this knowledge will help you later in life?

[A Veteran's Story](#): Write an essay about a relative or friend who was in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard. Who was this person (what is their relationship to you), when did this person serve, was it during a war (if so, which one), what did that person do during their service, and what are their recollections of their service?

[I Wonder Why](#): Think of something you have wondered about and write an essay about it.

[Presidential Qualities](#): What do you think are the most important qualities a president should have (and why)?

[Living in Space](#): Do you think people will ever live in space? If not, why not? If so, where will they live and how will they do it?

New Things:

[A New Olympic Sport](#): Invent a new Olympic sport. There are many unusual Olympic sports, like skeleton (running and then sledding), biathlon (skiing plus shooting), and curling (using brooms to propel an object over ice). Make up a new sport that would be fun to watch and play.

[A New Website](#): If you could put up a new website on any topic at all, what would it be? Write about why you chose this topic, what the website would contain, and who else you think might be interested in going to your site.

[An Invention I'd Like](#): Think about an invention that you'd like to have or make. Write about what this new device would do and why you'd like to use it.

[Invent an Animal](#): Invent a new animal -- describe what it looks like, what it sounds like, how it moves, and what it eats. Is it scary or cuddly or something else altogether? Would it be a pet or live in the wild (or in a zoo)?

[Invent a New Holiday](#): Invent a new holiday. What would this holiday celebrate? How would you celebrate it? Would there be any special food or symbols for your holiday?

[An Imaginary Pet](#): Draw and describe an imaginary pet that you would like (or not like) to have.

[New Student Questions](#): If there was a new student in class and you could only ask that person three questions to get to know them, what would you ask them?

If...

[My Superpower](#): If you could have one superpower, what would it be? Write a page explaining what the superpower is, why you would like to have it, and what you would do with this new power. How would your life change if you had this superpower?

[If I Could Be a Different Age...](#): If you could be any age at all, how old would you be (older or younger)? Write about why you would like to be this age and what you would do.

[A Magical Spell](#): A Magic Spell. If you could devise a magical spell, what would it be and what would it do? Write about why you chose this new spell and how you would use it.

[Stranded on an Island](#): If you were going to be stranded on a deserted island and could take three items with you, what three items would you take and why? The three items have to fit in an ordinary backpack. Describe each item fully and tell why you want each one.

[Message in a Bottle](#): If you were stranded on a deserted island and could send out one message in a bottle, what would you write in that message, and why would you write those particular things?

[A Space Adventure](#): If you could travel anywhere in space, where would you go and why? What do you think it would be like there?

[Go Back in Time](#): If you could go back in time and re-experience an event in your life, what would it be. Would you go back to change an event that happened or to re-experience a happy time? Or something else?

[If I Were a Child Again](#): Write about what you'd do if you were a child again for one day. What exactly would you like to do and why would you do it?

[If I Were a Teacher](#): Write an essay on what you would do if you were a teacher for a day. What subjects would you teach and how would you teach them?

[If I Were the President](#): Write an essay on what you'd do if you were the President. How would you change the world?

[If I Had a Hundred Dollars](#): Write an essay on what you'd do if you had one hundred dollars to spend anyway you choose.

[If I Had a New Name](#): If you could give yourself a new name, what would it be? Write about why you chose this new name and how it might change your life.

[If I Turned into an Animal](#): If you had to turn into a different animal for a single day, what animal would you choose to become? Why did you choose that animal? What would do when you became that animal, and where would you go? How do you think you would feel when you were that animal? How would people treat you? How would other animals and people treat you?

[My Special Day](#): If you had a day all for yourself and could do whatever you wanted to, what would you do? Start with waking up and describe the entire day. Include things like what you'd eat, who you'd see, where you'd go, and what you'd do.

[An Adventure I'd like to have](#): If you could have any type of adventure at all, what would it be? Write an essay on an adventure that you'd like to experience. Think of the wildest adventure you can imagine.

Favorites and Superlatives:

[My Favorite Game](#): What is your favorite game? Describe the game and how it is played. Explain the rules so that someone could learn how to play the game.

[My Favorite Holiday](#): What is your favorite holiday? Describe what you like to do on this holiday, who you like to be with at that time, and why you enjoy it so much.

[My Favorite Sport](#): What is your favorite sport? Why do you like it, and what do you like best about it?

[My Favorite Movie](#): What is your favorite movie? Describe the characters, the story, and what you like best about the movie.

[The Best Thing I've Learned in School](#): Write about the most valuable thing you ever learned in school. What made it so useful for you?

What I Like Best about My Job: What is your favorite part of your job?

My Best Birthday Ever: Write an essay on the best birthday you ever had. Describe what made it so special.

My Best Vacation Ever: Write an essay on the best vacation or trip that you ever had. Describe where you went, who you went with, what you did, and why you enjoyed it.

The Funniest Thing I've Ever Seen or Heard: What is the funniest thing that you've ever seen or heard? Maybe it was a joke that a friend told you, a comedy routine, or a scene in a movie. Describe this amusing event and tell why you thought it was funny.

The Scariest Thing That Ever Happened To Me: What is the scariest thing that ever happened to you? Describe this event and write about why it scared you.

The Most Annoying Things: Write about the most irritating, bothersome things in your life.

A Good Personality Trait: Think of a person you really like or admire. Think of a personality trait that makes them so special. Write about this good trait and why you like it.

A Bad Personality Trait: Think of a person you really dislike. Think of a personality trait that makes them so unpleasant. Write about this bad trait and why you dislike it.

Essays About the Writer:

Autobiography: Write the story of your life. Start with your birth and continue the adventure up to the present.

Three Words Describing Yourself: If you had to describe yourself using only three words, what would words would you use and why?

My Family: Write about the members of your family. Describe each person and what they mean to you.

My Town: If an out-of-town visitor was coming to visit, where would you take your visitor? Describe the best places around your town and why they are so interesting. Write about parks, museums, lakes, stores, restaurants, and other places you enjoy.

An Act of Kindness: Write a page on something nice that you did for someone, or on something nice that someone did for you for no reason.

A Good Deed: When was the last time you did something helpful for someone without them asking you? Write about what it was that you did and why you did it. How did the other person react, and how did you feel about your good deed? What about next time?

[A Dream I've Had](#): Describe a recurring dream that you've had. How did the dream make you feel? Is this a dream that you look forward to having again, or not?

[The Best Thing I've Learned in School](#): Write about the most valuable thing you ever learned in school. What made it so useful for you?

[I'm an Expert](#): Everyone is great at something - write about what you do best.

[What's Bugging You?](#): Think about something that annoys or bothers you. Write about what it is and why it bothers you. What can you do to make it less irritating?

[My Earliest Memory](#): What is the first memory you have of your life? Write about what you remember, how old you were at the time, and why you think you remember this event in particular. What do you think of this event now?

[Giving Thanks](#): Write an essay on what are you most thankful for in life.

[My Personal Hero](#): Who is your personal hero? Write an essay on your hero's accomplishments and what makes that person a hero. If you don't have a personal hero, describe the characteristics that someone would have to possess to be your personal hero.

[My April Fool Joke](#): Who would you like to play an April Fool's Day joke on? Why would you like to do this, and what would you like to do?

[When I'm Eighty](#): Write an essay as though you were 80 years old, looking back at your life. What have you accomplished, what are you proudest of, what is the world like, and do you have any regrets?

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