***115 Journal Prompts!!!***

***\_\_\_1.Write about whatever you’d like to--something that’s been on your mind, something that just happened, something that’s been bugging you, a goofy story (true or fictional), a poem…***

***\_\_\_2.Write a journal that begins with the following words…“One thing I know is that…”***

***\_\_\_3. Write a journal that begins with the words…“There are many things I find annoying. For example,…”***

***\_\_\_ 4. Write a journal that begins with the following words… “The weirdest person I know is...”***

***\_\_\_5. Write a journal that begins with the following words… “Sometimes I get angry and I just need to relax...”***

***\_\_\_6. Tell me all about one of your first memories from school.***

***\_\_\_7. Describe a movie you recently saw.***

***\_\_\_8. Your town is considering outlawing the purchase of energy drinks by kids under 16. Is this a good or bad idea? Explain.***

\_\_\_\_\_***9. Write about a disagreement you had with someone.***

***\_\_\_10. My favorite season of the year is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because...***

***\_\_\_11. To help meet state standards, the state board of education is considering making the school year 1 month longer. Your thoughts?***

***\_\_\_12. My proudest moment was...***

***\_\_\_13. What are the habits of “A” students? Of “F” students?***

***\_\_\_14. Convince a parent to raise your allowance.***

***\_\_\_15.  An interesting story about a family member would be...***

***\_\_\_16. Describe what you look like to a blind person.***

***\_\_\_17. Which came first, the chicken or the egg?***

***\_\_\_18. One time I was truly scared was...***

***\_\_\_19. “I was abducted by aliens last night. Let me describe my experience...”***

***\_\_\_20. What new extracurricular activity does our school need? Why?***

***\_\_\_21. A time I was embarrassed of a parent was...***

***\_\_\_22. Describe a best friend’s personality and appearance.***

***\_\_\_23. The best food in the world is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Here’s why...***

***\_\_\_24. Write about something you did once and will never do again.***

***\_\_\_25. Write a poem about Christmas or winter (10 lines minimum).***

***\_\_\_26. Write an advice column for lonely teens who want a girlfriend/boyfriend.***

***\_\_\_27.  A time when I got injured was….***

***\_\_\_28. Describe a favorite teacher.***

***\_\_\_29. Why should Mr. Martin pay you the $3. 46 he has in his pocket?***

***\_\_\_30. Narrate what happens during your usual school day morning, from when you awake until the 8:20 bell.***

***\_\_\_31. If you were given 15 minutes with the President, what would you tell him to change and why would you have it changed?***

***\_\_\_32. Write about a time when you did a good deed.***

***\_\_\_33. Describe a favorite song of yours. Why do you like it so much?***

***\_\_\_34. Write about a recent trend or fashion that you think is ridiculous, and explain why***

***you don’t like it.***

***\_\_\_35. Write a short article for Wikipedia’s entry about you.***

***\_\_\_36. Write the dialogue for a scene between a boss and the lazy employee he’s firing.***

***\_\_\_37. Write a script for a commercial advertising Mc Donald’s new McBiscuts ’n Gravy.***

***\_\_\_38. Tell about a time when you felt very sorry for someone.***

***\_\_\_39. Describe your favorite snack.***

***\_\_\_40. Persuade me to watch your favorite television show.***

***\_\_\_41. Tell about a time when you thought something was going to be boring, but ended up being fun.***

***\_\_\_42. Describe the culture of the Amazonian jungle tribe you recently discovered, the Hootunoota.***

***\_\_\_43. Which of the six pillars of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) is most lacking in today’s youth? Explain.***

***\_\_\_44.  Relate an experience when you were very sick.***

***\_\_\_45. Describe your favorite videogame***

***\_\_\_46. Convince me to send my six-year-old son to Camp Goodtimes this summer.***

***\_\_\_47. Narrate a tour gone terribly wrong at the local cheese factory.***

***\_\_\_48. Describe what your dream bedroom would look like.***

***\_\_\_49. Write a script for scene involving a child asking a parent if he/she can have a sleepover.***

***\_\_\_50. Recount an experience when you witnessed something disgusting.***

***\_\_\_51. Describe what it is like shoveling snow to someone who has only lived on the equator.***

***\_\_\_52. Convince your parents to let you keep the cute, cuddly bear cub you just found.***

***\_\_\_53. Write about your very first crush.***

***\_\_\_54. Describe in detail your favorite toy growing up.***

***\_\_\_55. Should students receive detentions for missing homework? Explain.***

***\_\_\_56. Tell about a time you were lost.***

***\_\_\_57. Describe in detail your favorite class.***

***\_\_\_58. After reading an article about internet bullying, your mom wants to keep you from using Facebook, MySpace, and e-mail. Tell her she’s over-reacting.***

***\_\_\_59. Give an account of the time you accidently drove your parents’ car into a lake.***

***\_\_\_60. Write a short poem (twelve lines min.) about life as an eighth grader.***

***\_\_\_61. The nation-wide Quality Teachers Count committee is thinking about awarding the staff at EPGJHS their Grand Prize Ribbon of Excellence. They are asking you if this would be a good choice. Tell them your opinion.***

***\_\_\_62. Tell the tale of Mr. Martin’s adventure to Wal-Mart last night.***

***\_\_\_63. Describe what kind of day it is outside right now.***

***\_\_\_64.Persuade your classmates that your favorite breakfast cereal is the best in the world.***

***\_\_\_65. Tell a story about something that happened to one of your parents.***

***\_\_\_66. Describe your average day from when you get out of school until when you go to bed.***

***\_\_\_67. Come up with a new routine to start class (besides D.O.L), and persuade me to do it.***

***\_\_\_68. Write down a favorite quote of yours and explain what it means to you.***

***\_\_\_69. Do students cheat much in school? Without using any names, explain.***

***\_\_\_70. I just saw you throw a pen at a student. Persuade me not to give you a detention.***

***\_\_\_71. Tell about something humorous that happened during class.***

***\_\_\_72. Describe what you believe your life will really be like when you’re 30.***

***\_\_\_73. After going dateless for a year, you’ve decided to use E-Harmony. Write a profile that will convince another E-Harmony user to go out with you.***

***\_\_\_74. Describe your least favorite vacation you’ve been on.***

***\_\_\_75. Write about the time your weird uncle ruined the family Christmas.***

***\_\_\_76. Describe smells you particularly like and dislike.***

***\_\_\_77. Write what you’d like to say to a parent or relative, but for one reason or another, have never had the chance to express.***

***\_\_\_78. Make up an enthusiastic commercial for dirt.***

***\_\_\_79. Write a “thank you” note to an inanimate (non-living) object.***

***\_\_\_80. What’s the deal with junior high boys/girls? What’s their problem?***

***\_\_\_81. List 10 questions you’d like to ask God.***

***\_\_\_82. Write an apology letter to someone you’ve been mean to.***

***\_\_\_83. Tell the story about what led up to the last time you cried.***

***\_\_\_84.Write about a day in the life of a squirrel… from the squirrel’s point-of-view.***

***\_\_\_85. Expound upon people’s hairstyles and what a person’s hair says about them.***

***\_\_\_86.Write about a good memory you had with a parent or grandparent.***

***\_\_\_87. Report on a battle between a bigfoot and a unicorn***

***\_\_\_88. Write about when you met someone for the first time.***

***\_\_\_89. Write an obituary for a fictitious, famous circus freak.***

***\_\_\_90. Write a letter to the President persuading him to institute a new holiday. What’s the holiday, why do we need it, and how should it be celebrated?***

***\_\_\_91. Pretend you’re a coach and your team is down at half-time. Write a pep talk that will be sure to motivate them to win the game.***

***\_\_\_92. Story Starter: “Here we are at the mall, kids,” my mom announced. “Out you go. I’ll be back to pick you up in about three hours, Okay?”…***

***\_\_\_93. Story Starter: “AHHHHHHH!” Alison pushed open the door to find the most gruesome sight she’d ever seen…***

***\_\_\_94. Story Starter: “Well, Bubba,” said Jethro, “How’s about you ‘n me go down to the Quickie Mart and get ourselves a slushie?”…***

***\_\_\_95. Story Starter: “Ducking beneath the counter in the school office, I could not believe what I overheard the teachers saying…”***

***\_\_\_96. Story Starter: “Alex was sipping his punch alone in the corner of the gym when suddenly… the most beautiful girl in the world arrived at the dance…”***

***\_\_\_97. Story Starter: “Arrh, Matey! Ye shall be walking the plank unless ye tell me what ye did with me blasted treasure…”***

***\_\_\_98.Story Starter: “Axel revved up his motorcycle and sped straight to…”***

***\_\_\_99. Story Starter: “Erma’s face became beet-red as the teacher unfolded her note and began to read it to the entire class…”***

***\_\_\_100. Story Starter: “I heard tapping at my bedroom window last night at around 12:30…”***

***\_\_\_101. Quote Prompt: “The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment of life is to live dangerously”—Friedrich Nietzche* True or False? Explain.**

**\_\_\_*102.* *Quote Prompt: “It is better to be alone than in bad company.”—George Washington* True or False? Explain.**

**\_\_\_*103.* *Quote Prompt: “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”—Albert Einstein.* True or False? Explain.**

***\_\_\_104. Quote Prompt: “You never find happiness until you stop looking for it.”—Chuang-Tzu.*** **What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_*105. Quote Prompt: “The mob has many heads but no brains.”* What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_106. *Quote Prompt: “Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him.”—Booker T. Washington.* What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_107. *Quote Prompt: “The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone.” –*Henrik Ibsen What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_108. *Quote Prompt: “Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.”—John F. Kennedy* What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_109. *Quote Prompt: “The pen is mightier than the sword.”*—E.G. Bulwer-Lytton**

**What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

**\_\_\_*110. Quote Prompt: “Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.”—Mark Twain* What might this quote mean? Do you agree with it?**

***\_\_\_111. True or false: he who smelt it, dealt it.***

***\_\_\_112. True or false: money can’t buy happiness.***

***\_\_\_113. True or false: what goes around comes around.***

***\_\_\_114. True or false: it is better to give than to receive.***

***\_\_\_115. True or false: Mr. Martin is the funniest teacher in 8th grade.***