

STUDENT OPINION

650 Prompts for Narrative and Personal Writing

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Every school day since 2009 we’ve asked students a question based on an article in The New York Times.

Now, seven years later, and in honor of the Oct. 20 National Day on Writing, we’ve collected 650 of them that invite narrative and personal writing and listed them by category below. Consider it an update of a previous post, and a companion to the list of 301 argumentative writing prompts we published in 2015.

Here is a PDF of all 650 prompts, and we also have a related lesson plan, From ‘Lives’ to ‘Modern Love’: Writing Personal Essays With Help From The New York Times.

Below, a list that touches on everything from sports to travel, education, gender roles, video games, fashion, family, pop culture, social media and more. Like all our Student Opinion questions, each links to a related Times article and includes a series of follow-up questions. All questions published since May 2015 are still open to comment by any student 13 or older.

So dive into this admittedly overwhelming list and pick the questions that most inspire you to tell an interesting story, describe a memorable event, observe the details in your world, imagine a possibility, or reflect on who you are and what you believe.

Overcoming Adversity

1. What Challenges Have You Overcome?
2. What Are Your Secret Survival Strategies?
3. What Do You Do When You Encounter Obstacles to Success?
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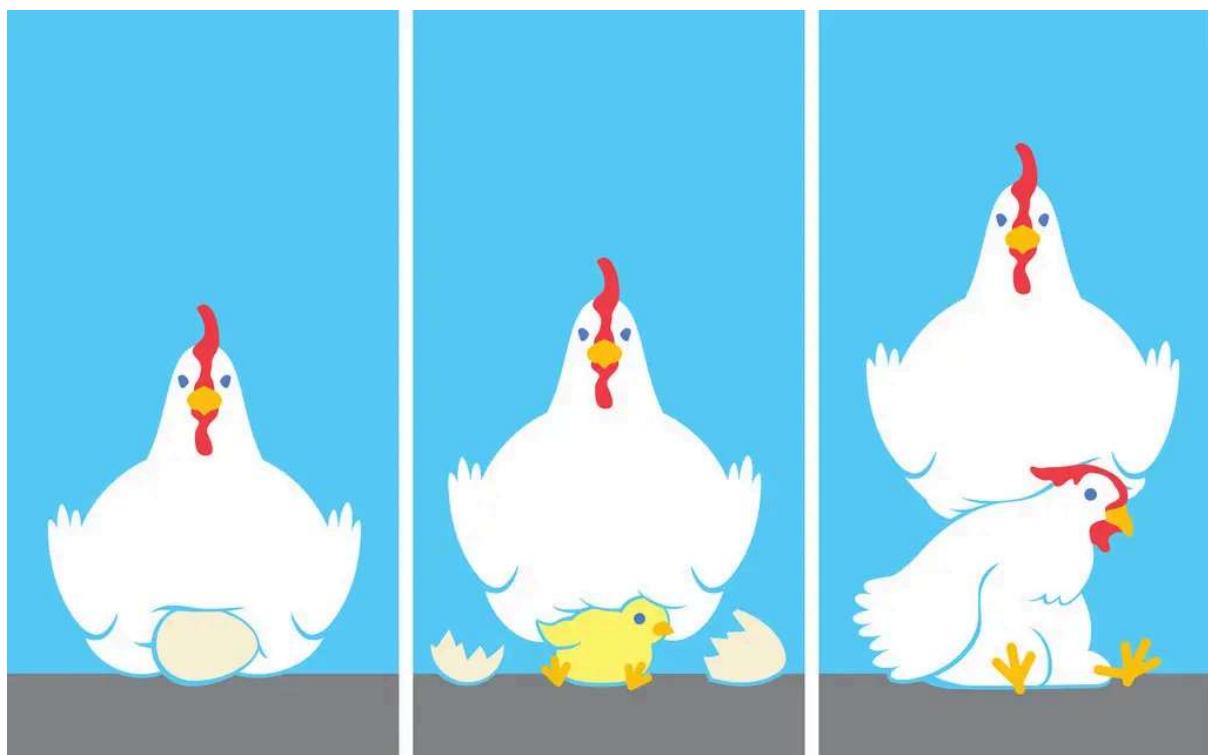
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 - 482. What Sports Teams Do You Root For?
 - 483. Does Being a Fan Help Define Who You Are?
 - 484. How Far Would You Go to Express Loyalty to Your Favorite Teams?
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 - 487. Do You Watch the Super Bowl?
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- 496. Where in the World Would You Most Like to Travel?
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 - 503. What Kind of Tourist Are You?
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 - 505. What Famous Landmarks Have You Visited?
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 - 507. How Much Do You Know About the Rest of the World?
 - 508. Would You Like to Live in Another Country?
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- 511. What Is Your All-Time Favorite Piece of Clothing?
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 - 580. What Are Your Favorite Summer Hangouts?
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 - 582. What Is Your Favorite Summer Movie?
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 - 586. What Are the Best Things You Did This Summer?
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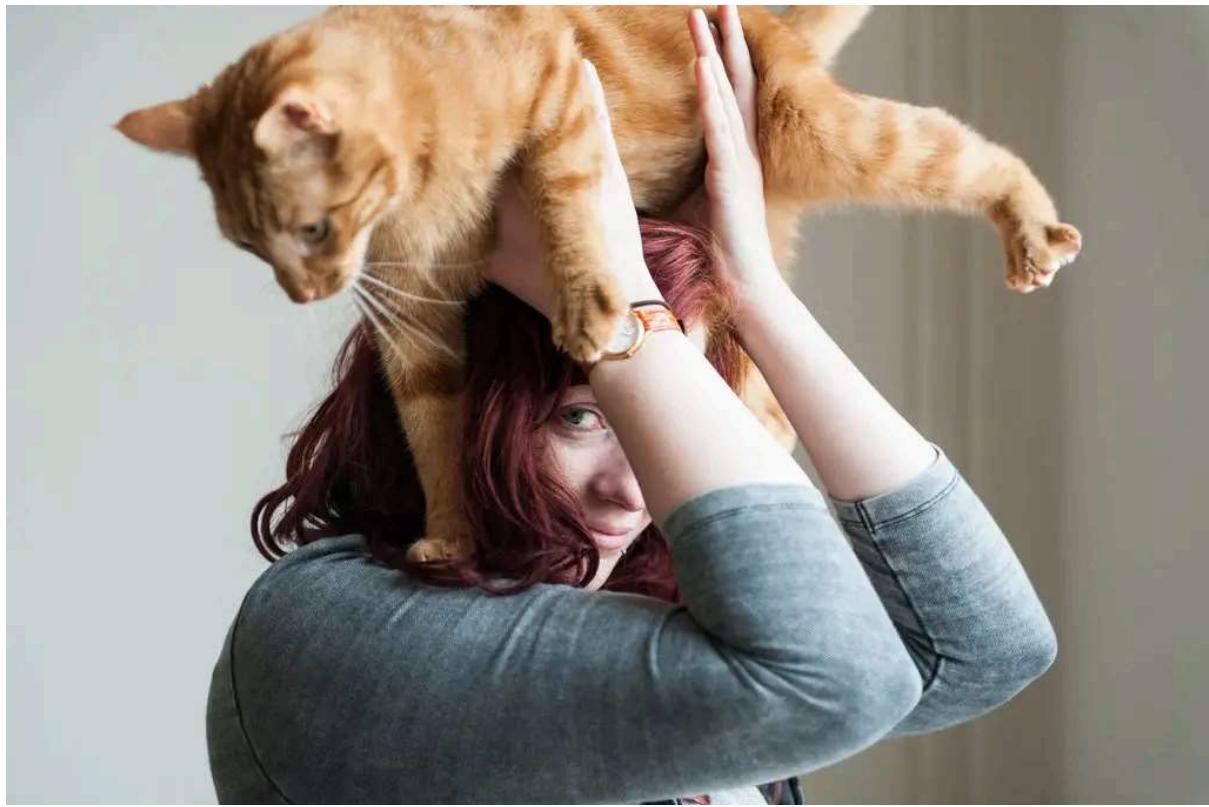
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 - 605. Would You Want to Hang Out at a Cat Cafe?
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