

Writing Assessment
'On Demand' Writing Prompt

Instructions:

Students should be at their regular writing seats and writers should use familiar paper. Students in grades 3-8 will need loose-leaf paper and pens. Children in grades K-2 will probably need 4 page booklets with a space on each page for drawing and well-spaced lines for writing. They will all need to be able to add pages if they want.

Tell students:

“Let’s each write a true story of one time in our lives that we remember – a piece that shows our best work and that can go on our bulletin board for people to admire. You can work on it today and you’ll have more time tomorrow. Here’s what we’ll write about: *There are often people in our lives who are really important to us. Write about one moment you spent with a person who really matters to you. Tell the story of that moment.*”

Note:

It’s important that students have two chunks of time to do this writing, so that we are given a glimpse into whether the writer takes a piece through rehearsing, drafting, and revising. This ‘on demand’ assessment lets us see how students use what they know about narrative writing to write on any subject they are given.