

VISUAL WRITING PROMPTS (for Individuals or Groups)

Pencil Drawings

- +Draw a scene from nature.
- +Draw a scene which indicates your mood.
- +Draw a self-portrait.
- +Draw a sequence of events.
- +Draw a cartoon (with text and pictures).
- +Draw (with a partner) a portrait of your partner.
- +Draw a scene from a cityscape or urban environment.
- +Draw an animal.
- +Draw your life goals.
- +Draw a picture of an event from the past.
- +Draw a map to your home.
- +Draw a family tree (Put yourself in the center)
- +Draw a simple object in the classroom.
- +Draw some sort of inanimate object.
- +Draw a landscape.
- +Draw a vehicle (air, space, sea, or land).
- +Draw four frames of a cartoon (with text and pictures... using a single sheet of paper).
- +Draw a sign to warn people: "Use Other Door"
- +Draw instructions (without words) on how to wash a garment.
- +Draw instructions (without words) on how to cook a meal.
- +Draw a pie chart representing the ratio of men to women in your class.
- +Draw a bar chart representing the ratio of men to women in your class.
- +Draw/illustrate your favorite song (use any items/symbols/images which come to mind)

Paints/Crayons/Markers

- +Create portrait of a classmate.
- +Create a self-portrait.
- +Create a picture of a room in your home.
- +Create a picture of a loved one.
- +Create a picture of a ship on the ocean/sea/lake.
- +Create a picture of mountains rising over a valley.
- +Create a picture of a television with a TV show playing on it.
- +Create a picture of the Solar System viewed from far away.
- +Create a picture from basic geometric shapes (i.e., rectangles, triangles, etc.)
- +Create a picture from your insect's point of view.
- +Create a map of your town/city.
- +Create a picture of a forest (using different shades/tints of green)
- +Create a magazine cover using only three to four colors.
- +Create a sign to caution people about a wet floor (using only two colors)
- +Create a picture of a tree.
- +Create a picture of the night sky.
- +Create a cartoon (without words)
- +Create a picture based on your favorite movie.
- +Create a handmade version of a personal photograph
- +Create a self-portrait of yourself as another race.
- +Create some political graffiti.
- +Create a picture using only black, white, and gray/silver.
- +Create a picture using darker shading and lighter shading.
- +Create a picture which uses the same colors you are wearing right now.
- +Create a simple picture of one object centered on a white background.

Glue/Paste Collage (from Magazines, Newspapers, or other print media)

- +Create a poem from found words.
- +Create a political statement from found words
- +Create an abstract picture of a person from found images.
- +Create a concrete picture of a person from found images.
- +Create an advertisement using a found picture and words.
- +Create a card for a loved one from text and found images.
- +Create a self-portrait from found materials.
- +Create a picture from smaller images and big images.
- +Create a picture of your ideal date from pictures.
- +Create a sign (where the words are made of pictures/picture-pieces).
- +Create an autobiographical picture or themed autobiographic piece.
- +Create a biographical picture or themed piece of a partner in class.
- +Create a story from found images and your own words. (Multiple pages)
- +Create a story based on a single image or picture.
- +Create a poem based on a single image or picture.
- +Create a news story based on a single image or picture.
- +Create a picture from found materials representing your life dreams/ambitions.
- +Create a picture from found materials representing yourself.
- +Create a picture from found materials representing someone you know.

Using Computers or Other Digitally-Generated Graphics

- +Design a pie chart showing the percentages of males to females in your class.
- +Design an advertisement for an imaginary product/service.
- +Design a magazine cover using a photo of a group member or friend.
- +Design a building/office space floorplan.
- +Design a floorplan for your dream home.
- +Design a ship (for water travel). Show front, side, and top views.
- +Design a cross-sectional graphic of a fruit or vegetable, and label its parts.
- +Design business letterhead for a fake company.
- +Design a business card for yourself.
- +Design an organizational chart of your institution's administrations, include names and titles.
- +Design a slide show for a health-related issue.
- +Design a visual argument using text and images.
- +Design a visual argument using three frames on a single page.
- +Design a visual argument using four frames on a single page.
- +Design a monochromatic advertisement with a single color highlighting the focal point.
- +Design a satire/parody of an advertisement.
- +Design an advertisement/picture imitating the visual style of another designer/ad/picture.
- +Design a flowchart showing your post-graduation plans and/or paths/ideas for jobs.
- +Design a flowchart showing how you might ask a person on a date.
- +Design a few graphic icons which show different phases of the weather.
- +Design a concert pamphlet.
- +Design a pamphlet about a community service.
- +Design a pamphlet about a disease.
- +Design a menu for a faux restaurant.
- +Design an invitation for a party, using only three to four colors.

Using Video Cameras, Cameras, or Other Motion-Capture Media + Editing Software

- +Film a scene from nature.
- +Film a scene from a “bugs” point of view.
- +Film an opinion-based feature.
- +Film documentary.
- +Film a mock documentary.
- +Film a travel video about your area.
- +Film a how-to video.
- +Film a news story... include footage related to the story.
- +Film a public service announcement.
- +Film a news broadcast of top local and national news stories.
- +Film a “Sweded” movie.
- +Film a stop motion film using a series of images.
- +Film a stop motion film using hand-drawn images.
- +Film a zombie short film (comedic, horrific, or dramatic).
- +Film a vampire short film (comedic, horrific, or dramatic).
- +Film a stop-motion Lego film/action figures/other small media.
- +Film a puppet show about a serious topic.
- +Film a dating profile film of a classmate.
- +Film an interview of a senior student/professor.
- +Film an artist or songwriter or musician at work, and later include an interview with them.
- +Film some sports footage and provide commentary on the game (overdubbed).
- +Film a short originally-scripted film in the science-fiction genre.
- +Film a person cooking a recipe or a “cooking show.”
- +Film a commercial for an imaginary product or service.