

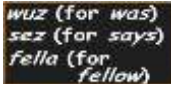




## 5th Grade Language Arts Projects Menu #1

<p>★ Choose a major war that the United States has been involved in. Research the war and then decide if you think the United States should have fought in the war or not. If it was a Civil War, decide if you think the war was necessary. Write a persuasive paper convincing other to think like you. State your opinion and provide three reasons to back up your opinion using facts and details from your research.</p>	<p>★ Read "The Diary of A Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney. As you're reading the novel, write down the character traits of the main character Greg Heffley and the character traits of his friend, Rowley Jefferson. Then write a compare and contrast paper comparing the character traits of the two characters using text from the book to support your reasoning.</p>	<p>★ Write a two page story that has a general theme of "overcoming challenges." In your story, the characters will be faced with a difficult situation, but will overcome the challenge in the end. Include an illustration with your story.</p> 
<p>★ Pretend you have decided to run for School President. In order to run, you will have to write a speech and create a campaign poster. In your speech to your classmates use at least fifteen proverbs, adages or idioms to express your points. On your poster, you will need to create a campaign slogan using an idiom.</p> 	<p>★ Find a serious poem that you like that contains at least three stanzas. Copy the poem down and determine the overall theme of the poem. Write a short two page report that includes the theme of the poem and an overall summary of what the poem is about. Your report should also give an explanation as to why each stanza plays an important role in the message of the poem. Include in your report, a four stanza poem written by you that has the same theme of your chosen poem.</p>	<p>★ Research different dialects in the United States and find words that are pronounced differently in different parts of the country. Write a short story about two friends who just saw aliens from outer space at the local discount store. Write the story twice, each time use a different dialect as if the friends are from a different part of the country than the story before. Use the dialect words you researched in your story.</p> 
<p>★ Write your own ten page picture book folktale. Include illustrations in your book that compliment the tone and beauty of your text. In other words, the illustrations should bring your folktale alive. Be sure and include all of the characteristics of a folktale.</p>	<p>★ Look up the following words in the dictionary: <b>bewildering, fathom, profound, complex, baffling, and convey.</b> Write the definition for each word. Then write a two page mystery using the words in your story. Add an illustration.</p>	<p>★ Look up the following words in the dictionary: <b>meticulous, perilous, cunning, eccentric, implausible, and cumbersome.</b> Write the definition for each word. Then write your own two page myth using the words in your story. Add an illustration.</p>

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## 5th Grade Language Arts Projects Menu #2

<p>★ You have been asked to present a lesson on sentence fragments and run on sentences. Write three short one page biographies about your favorite actor/actress to teach this concept to your classmates. The first biography should be full of fragments and incomplete sentences. The second biography should be run-on sentences that never end. The third biography should be written with good sentence structure combining the run-ons and making complete sentences out of the fragments.</p>	<p>★ Research the top ten children's movies of all time. Choose two movies that you are familiar with. Write a paper discussing which movie you think is better than the other. Organize your paper by expressing your reasons and ideas using the following conjunctions: <b>consequently, specifically, in contrast, and especially.</b></p> 	<p>★ Write a two page opinion paper as to which extreme weather condition is worse, a hurricane or a tornado? Research facts to back up your opinion. Write your paper by stating reasons for your opinions. Use the facts you researched to back up your reasons and ideas.</p> 
<p>★ Write a two page story with a scary tone about the last time you were left alone or were in a scary situation. Use sensory words to describe your situation by using words from all five senses. At the end of your story, write a strong conclusion summarizing all your thoughts.</p>	<p>★ Write a humorous story about the Indecisive family that could never make a decision. Mr. Indecisive was the worst and Ms. Indecisive wasn't much better; especially when they went out to eat. In your story, use the following conjunctions three times each: <b>either, or, neither and, nor</b></p>	<p>★ Find out the meaning of the following words: <b>primary, primitive, principal, primate, prince and primer.</b> Write a humorous mystery about all the chicken nuggets missing in the school cafeteria. Use all the <b>"primo/proto"</b> words from above in your story.</p>
<p>★ Find out the meaning of the following words: <b>conjecture, dejected, infection, interjection, rejection, project, trajectory and subject.</b> Write a two page story about the science fair project that turned into a disaster. Use all the <b>"ject"</b> words from above in your story. Add an illustration to your story.</p>	<p>★ Write a two page fiction story about how you became a famous celebrity by starring in a new movie Then you returned to your school for a day to brag. In your story include at least ten similes or metaphors. Use conversation in your story at well with the appropriate quotation marks.</p>	<p>★ Read two mystery books from the same author (picture books are okay). Write a two page compare and contrast paper comparing the two mystery books. In your paper, note the similarities, difference and reasons why you would choose one book over the other. Create and Include your own original compare and contrast chart with your paper.</p>

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### 5th Grade Language Arts Projects Menu #3

<p>★ In the fairy tale "Cinderella, the narrator convinces the reader that the stepmother is evil and only wants Cinderella to do housework all day. Pretend you are the narrator in 3rd person and rewrite Cinderella so that your readers will be convinced that Cinderella is evil and the stepmother is charming. Include at least two illustrations with your story.</p>	<p>★ Research two biographies about the same president. Create a chart to record facts from each biography as you read them. Then use facts from both articles to write an interesting two page report on your president. Include a portrait of the president as well.</p> 	<p>★ Write a two page story about something interesting that is happening right now in your life. While writing the story, flashback a few years to situations that were similar in your past. Make sure your verbs in the present are present tense and your verbs when you flashback are past tense. (If nothing interesting is happening, make something up, that's what writers do.)</p>
<p>★ Read two picture books by Bill Martin from your school library. As you're reading each book take notice of the character traits of the main characters of each story. Write a two page paper comparing the traits of the two main characters in both of his books listing at least five traits for each character. Use examples from the stories to explain why you chose each trait. Also, in your paper determine which character is most similar to you and explain why.</p>	<p>★ Research the basic facts of any war between two sides in modern history. Take notes as to what issues each side felt strongly about. Then compose two letters, one will be from a child whose family member is a soldier on one side writing to her cousin whose family member is fighting for the Army on the other side. The cousin should write the second letter back to the original cousin. Both children should explain their points of view on the war.</p>	<p>★ Find the last chapter book that you read. Write a summary of the first ten chapters. Explain why each chapter was important and had to be included in the novel. Include how the novel would have changed if the each chapter had been omitted. Organize your responses. Into a two page report.</p> 
<p>★ Write a two page fiction story with an illustration about the strangest day you've ever had. Sequence the events in order on your strange day. Use the following words and phrases in your story to connect your ideas: <b>also, again, as well as, besides, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly</b></p>	<p>★ Write a two page adventure story in which the characters are looking for some type of treasure. In your story, write the events in present tense but have the characters flashback at events that took place some time ago.</p>	<p>★ Research two articles on the sun. Create a chart to record facts from each article as you read them. Then use facts from both articles to write an interesting two page report about the sun.</p> 

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