

## Ideas for getting writing samples from your students

In IE Core, Writing, Active Listening, and Academic Writing it will be important to get writing samples from students that are abbreviated versions of the sorts of writing that we have students produce in the courses. We will refer to them later in the semester if questions of plagiarism or an over-reliance on Chatbots is suspected.

**In Core**, at all levels, get writing samples that correspond to these writing task types:

- \* journals
- \* book reports (Summaries from books described, or animated narratives, on YouTube)
- \* news summaries

As prompts for sample book reports, videos featuring short narratives under 10 minutes can be shown at the beginning of the semester. They can be used in the first F2F Core class. Tell the students to take notes as they watch the story and give them 10 minutes after the story's completion to write a summary and their response or reactions to it. The students should not be allowed to use their smartphones or PCs when writing about the story. Collect the papers at the end and keep them on file.

Examples of animated story prompts:

Snack Attack

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38y\\_1EWIE9I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38y_1EWIE9I)

The Present

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XA0bB79oGc>

Negative Space

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KI2lsdXJQ40>

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In **Academic Writing**, the prompts for writing samples might be Ted-ED talks, such as the one on The history of chocolate - Deanna Pucciarelli: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibjUpk9lagk> .

For **IE Writing** classes that will cover “compare and contrast” essays, for example, you might show images of traditional vs. modern Western medical practices and have students write an impromptu essay on that. Writing prompts from the New York Times may also be used: <https://www.nytimes.com/spotlight/learning-writing-prompts> .

In **Active Listening**, at the outset of the semester you might use movie trailers as prompts to solicit writing samples: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=movie+trailers](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=movie+trailers) .