

*Welcome L.E.S. 8th Graders!*  
*Summer Writing Assignment 2020*

Summer is a crucial time for students. With a break from school, we sometimes forget the skills we learned the previous year. In order to be our best selves, we need to constantly exercise our brains!

**Directions:** Pick **Four** projects to complete. Your teacher will be collecting your assignments in September.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Write a short story.</b></p> <p>It must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A main character</li> <li>- Setting (time and place)</li> <li>- Rising Action</li> <li>- A conflict</li> <li>- Falling Action</li> <li>- Resolution</li> <li>- Imagery</li> </ul> <p><u>At least two pages.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Respond to Two Current Events</b></p> <p>Find a news article and write a <i>paragraph</i> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifies the issue</li> <li>- Does the article have a suggested solution?</li> <li>- How do you think the issue should be solved?</li> <li>- How does the article make you feel? Why?</li> </ul> <p><u>Each</u> current event should be its own paragraph. You should have <u>TWO paragraphs.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make an Argument</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose a topic most people can argue about. Don't have it be one you just wrote for me.</li> <li>2. Pick a side.</li> <li>3. <u>Body paragraph 1</u> should argue your stance (what you believe).</li> <li>4. <u>Body paragraph 2</u> should include the other side's argument and you destroying the other side.</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Life</b></p> <p>Pick one moment in your life that sticks out to you. It can be a moment of happiness or sadness.</p> <p>Without making up any of the details write <u>at least a full page</u> recapping what happened.</p> <p><u>Things to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-people who were there</li> <li>-what happened</li> <li>-what emotions did you feel?</li> </ul> <p>Remember the smaller details (Imagery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-what was the weather that day?</li> <li>-What smells? (woke up to the smell of pancakes and bacon)</li> <li>-What did you hear? Was a certain song playing?</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Passion</b></p> <p>What are you passionate about? Write at least <u>two paragraphs</u> explaining what you are passionate about and why.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Do you think this passion is temporary or something you will love for the rest of your life?</li> <li>-Do you think this passion could turn into a volunteer position or eventually a job? Explain.</li> <li>-How can you use your passion to help society/the world?</li> </ul> <p><u>Examples:</u></p> <p><u>Passion for animals-</u> would you want to volunteer/work for an animal shelter or become a veterinarian?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Write a Historical Fiction short story.</b></p> <p>Historical Fiction means the characters are fake, but the historical setting is real. <i>Example: Number the Stars.</i> <i>The characters are made up, but the Holocaust really happened.</i></p> <p>It must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A main character</li> <li>- Setting (time and place) Must be real.</li> <li>- A conflict</li> <li>- Imagery</li> </ul> <p><u>At least two pages.</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Write a Skit</b></p> <p>Write a skit about problems middle schoolers encounter, and how they should be solved.</p> <p><u>Examples:</u></p> <p><i>Bullying</i> <i>Not liking your appearance</i> <i>Not understanding school</i></p> <p><u>At Least 1 ½ pages</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Day in History</b></p> <p>Research a day during the summer and find out what happened on that day.</p> <p><u>In a paragraph,</u> summarize the historical events. Then, explain why those events matter.</p> <p>How does it impact us in today's society? How does it impact you?</p> <p>What would our society be like if that event never happened?</p>	