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Activity One

You have learned that biographies are an excellent type of informative essay. Here's your chance to write a biography of a famous woman of the past.

Go to http://www.distinguishedwomen.com on the internet. There you will find "Distinguished Women of Past and Present". In the lower right corner of the screen you'll see "Search by Subject".

Click on this topic and you will find a long list of topics. Choose one that interests you and click on it. There you will find the names of women who are important in this area. Choose one and read her biography. Take notes as you read.

Then use the form below to write a five paragraph informative essay about the woman you chose. Be sure that your essay is complete and interesting!

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Activity Two

Often, we do something so many times a day that it becomes automatic. Writing is one of these things.

Search for "The History of Writing" on the Internet.

Writing has not always existed. Someone had to invent it.

Read the story of the history of writing. Then put what you have learned into a five paragraph informative essay.

Who knows? You might just learn a few things that you didn't already know! Have fun!

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Activity Three

Many people love to travel.

Choose a country that you'd like to learn more about. Search for it on the Internet. Read all about this country.

Then use the form below to develop a good outline for a report about this country. Be prepared to share your work with your teacher and classmates.

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Activity Four

It's time for a fairy tale! Fairy tales are great examples of narrative essays.

Search for "Sentence-combining exercises" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" on the Internet.

Sentences are listed for each of the five paragraphs of the essay. The problem occurs when you realize that these are short, choppy sentences that need to be combined.

Combine the sentences to make longer, more sensible ones. Then copy your new sentences as paragraphs on the form below. You'll have an interesting tale about a little girl who meets three bears in the woods!

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Activity Five

You have learned that descriptive essays paint word pictures in the audience's minds.

Search for "descriptive word charts" on the Internet. There you will find word charts designed to help you get out of the habit of using the same, old, tired words in every sentence.

Study the lists of words. Now think of something, someone, or some place that you would like to describe and use as many of the words on the chart as you can. Write your descriptive essay on the form below.

Remember, powerful verbs and colorful adjectives make the word pictures more beautiful!

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Activity Six

Some of the best narrative essays are the funniest.

Go to https://www.eduplace.com/tales/ on the internet. There you will find the "Wacky Web Tales" story starters. Choose one of the story topics that you'd like to write about and click on it. You will be asked to list several words that will be used in the story.

Be sure to use the "Parts of Speech Help" if you need it. When you have filled all the boxes with words, click on the "See Your Wacky Web Tale" button and find out what kind of story you were writing. You may want to complete two or more of these wacky web tales. They are fun and funny!

Copy one of the tales onto the form below.

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