

Writing Prompts



Pick a writing activity:

1. Many people in the world do not have regular access to electricity. Even here in the United States, thousands of families in the Southwest and the Navajo Nation have no electricity. This is different from power going out for a few hours or even several days. People who do not have regular access to electricity may have power for only an hour or so every day, or they may not have power at all for weeks, months, or years.

Pick a place to learn about that does not have regular access to electricity. (The World Bank database [<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/EG.ELC.ACCS.ZS>] provides information about rates of access in each country in the world; scroll down and click on “Most Recent Value” to sort the data.) How would your life change if you lived there? What kinds of new chores would you have to do without electricity? How would you see at night? What could you do in your free time? Write a “Dear Diary” story about a normal, electricity-free day in your life.

2. Interview someone in your community who grew up without electricity or without many of the electrical appliances we have today. In what ways was their childhood similar to yours? In what ways was it different? How did they spend their free time? What kinds of chores did they have to do? What other things did they do by hand that you may do now using electricity? Imagine you found a time machine. You can either go back in time and spend the day with the person you interviewed in their time OR the person you interviewed can go into the future and spend the day with you in today’s time. Write a story about the time travel adventure. Make sure to include details about how your childhoods are similar or different due to electricity or electrical appliances.
3. Talk to someone at the power company for your area. Ask them about ways to cut down on the amount of electricity we use. Make a public service announcement to teach other people about how to save energy by using less electricity.
4. Make up your own electric writing activity.



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