

2nd Grade Opinion Writing Prompt

PROMPT

Is it important to be responsible at school and in your community? After reading *Responsibility*, write 1-2 paragraphs in which you give your opinion and reasons as to why it is important to be responsible at school and in your community. Support your opinion with evidence from the text.

TARGETED STANDARDS CONNECTION

Social Studies Standard 2

(Citizenship): Students will recognize and practice civic responsibility in the community, state, and nation.

Objective 2: Identify individuals within the school community and how they contribute to the school's success.

b) Demonstrate respect for the school and school community.

Writing

W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., *because*, *and*, *also*) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Materials:

Responsibility (book by Lucia Raatma—from [Epic Books](#)—a free online book resource for teachers)(Lexile: 540L)

Typed up text from book for students to refer to for evidence

Instructional Sequence:

1. Teacher hands out the typed up prompt and text.
2. The teacher introduces writing prompt and explains that students will be listening/reading a text and using that text to answer the prompt.
3. The teacher reads aloud pages *Responsibility* by Lucia Raatma to the students. As the teacher reads, students may be underlining or highlighting information that they may find useful for responding to the prompt.
4. Upon finishing the read aloud, students will be provided with paper to respond to the prompt.

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Responsibility

by Lucia Raatma

What Is Responsibility?

"Thanks, Max! You're a big help." Max smiled when his mom said that. He had cleared the table and taken the garbage out. He had checked the chart in the kitchen. It was his turn to do these chores.

"You are so responsible," his mom continued.

Max felt good. He knew that he was doing his part.

When you are responsible, you are reliable. People can count on you. You do what you say you are going to do. You don't expect others to do your work.

Being responsible also means owning up to mistakes. You don't blame other people. If you break something, you admit it. If you forget to meet your friend after school, you apologize.

Being Responsible

There are many ways to be responsible. You can do your chores at home. You can keep your room clean. You can help take care of your family's pets. You can help your parents make dinner.

Being responsible means thinking before you act. It means keeping in mind how your actions may affect others.

What if you forget to feed your pet rabbit? It will be hungry for the rest of the day. What if you forget to take out the garbage? It may overflow or attract insects.

There are many ways to be responsible at school. Being responsible means listening in class. It means finishing your assignments on time. It also means following the rules at school.

Being Responsible in Your Community

Everyone plays a part in making the world a better place. You can be responsible by volunteering. Make volunteering a family event. Find something that is important to you and your parents. Then find out what you can do to help. Maybe you can help collect clothing and food for people in need.

You can also be responsible by caring about your environment. A responsible person doesn't litter. A responsible person recycles bottles, cans, and paper.

Another way to be responsible is to help out in your neighborhood. Maybe you can work with your neighbors to clean up the local park. Or you can shovel snow for an older neighbor.

When you are responsible, people know they can trust you. They know they can count on you to do what you have promised. Being responsible is good for you. It is also good for all the people around you!

