

Ted Project

Ted Perspectives Writing (December)

Ted Perspectives Writing 4

Choose one of the Projects from Unit 1-10 to complete the writing assignment for this month's Ted writing assignment. **The writing assignment details are listed at the end of each unit including examples to refer to while completing the assignment. There is a writing bank at the end of the textbook to find more examples to be referring to while completing the assignment for each unit.** The questions will help you work through the assignment. The textbook is there to guide you through the project. The diagrams, photos, infographics, questions, and texts are there to help you brainstorm your ideas for the assignment.

You may look up the actual Tedtalks listed under each of the units in the textbook. Transcript of each of the tedtalks from the unit will be provided towards the end of the textbook.

Ted Speakers

Unit 1: Hopes and Dreams

Five ways to kill your dreams

Bel Pesce

Writing: An article

Write an article for your school magazine about how to succeed in a skill, sport, or hobby that you know about.

Unit 2: Reading the World

My year reading a book from very country in the world

Ann Morgan

Writing: Write a story about travel, broadening perspectives, the kindness of strangers or an idea of your own. Be sure to include a range of time expressions and colorful language and expressions.

Unit 3: Pristine Places

An underwater museum, teeming with life

Jason Decaires Taylor

Writing: Informal emails

Write an informal email to make an invitation or a request to express thanks. Include personal new and a variety of informal expressions.

Unit 4: Discovery

The boiling river of the Amazon

Andres Ruzo

Writing: A discussion essay

Research and write an essay on one of these questions:

- **Why do rivers boil?**
- **How can remote sensing help archaeologists?**
- **What are the practical benefits of artificial satellites?**

Unit 5: Global citizens

What does it mean to be a citizen of the world?

Hugh Evans

Writing: A formal letter

Write a letter to a leader urging him/her to take action on a national or global issue (education, climate change, disease, the environment, or poverty)

Unit 6: Education

How to fix a broken school? Lead fearlessly, love hard

Linda Cliatt-Wayman

Writing: An opinion essay

“Some people think that the internet enhances people’s lives because they can get all the information they need for their lives and studies. Others maintain we have far too much information nowadays.”

Write a three to four paragraph essay discussing the opinions provided above. Support your ideas with arguments and examples from your own experience.

Unit 7: Moving Forward

What a driverless world could look like

Wants Kabbaj

Writing: A report

Plan a report on the topic of biking to school including research about traffic near your school/home/in the city center, conditions for cyclists/pedestrians and public transportation (e.g. buses, subway, shuttles and ferries)

Unit 8: The Real Me

The mysterious workings of the adolescent brain

Sarah-Jayne Blakemore

Writing: An essay comparing advantages and disadvantages

Choose two of the following topics:

1. **What are advantages and disadvantages of the different options for getting advice on how to solve a problem? Which do you think is the best? Why?**
1. **Talking to your parents**
2. **Talking to a friend**
3. **Posting a question on an online forum**
4. **Talking to a professional (e.g. teacher or doctor)**

2. **What are the best living arrangement for college students?**
1. **Living at home with your parents (saves a lot of money)**
2. **Sharing an apartment (roommates could be messy)**
3. **Living in college dorms (could be noisy)**
4. **Living along in a studio (peace and quiet, good for studying)**

Unit 9: A Healthy Life

My simple invention, designed to keep my grandfather safe
Kenneth Shinozuka

Writing: A proposal

Choose one of these topics to write a proposal about. Discuss problems with the current situation and make suggestions for improving it.

- **Providing healthier food at your school cafeteria**
- **Creating a buddy system between older and younger students**
- **Making the school or local community feel more like an us place**

Unit 10: Ideas

Ted's secret to great public speaking
Chris Anderson

Writing: A review

Write a review about a concert, play, or sports event you have been to that made an impression on you. What made it special?