

Theme Writing #1

Add “Theme Writing #1” to your journal’s Table of Contents page. After your “Literature Terms”, title the first free page of your journal “Theme Writing #1” and copy the underlined questions down as directed below. Remember to underline the questions in your journal. Follow the guidelines laid out in the **Proofreading Expectations** to avoid 10% deductions for each non-negotiable mechanical error.

1) Select only *one* of the three prompts below to respond to. Copy it down as your first question for this entry, underline it, and respond to it in a full, well-planned, five-sentence paragraph that has been thoroughly proofread for mechanical errors.

- Have you ever helped someone only because it benefited you? Try to think of a time when you did a good thing for a bad reason. Write a narrative of the situation in first-person.
- Have you ever felt as if you had been thrown into a situation you wouldn’t be able to survive in? Try to think of a time you felt so overwhelmed by the world around you that you didn’t think that you would be able to make it through. Write a first-person narrative of the situation.
- Try to think of a time when you were embarrassed by a family member’s appearance, personality, or behavior. Have you ever been ashamed to be associated with a member of your family? Write a narrative of the situation in first-person.

2) Select only *one* of the three prompts below to respond to. Copy it down as your second question for this entry, underline it, and respond to it in a full, well-planned, five-sentence paragraph that has been thoroughly proofread for mechanical errors.

- Try to think of a situation in which you took revenge on someone. Has there ever been a time you went out of your way to “get back” at someone for something they did to you? Describe the situation. Were your actions fair? Explain yourself.
- Can you think of a time when someone “got back” at you for something you had done to them? Try to think of a time when someone went out of their way to get revenge against you. Describe the situation. Were his/her actions fair? Explain yourself.
- Think of a work of fiction (a song, a movie, a book, or a TV show) in which one character actively seeks revenge against another. Describe the situation, and analyze the fairness of the two characters’ actions.