**THANKSGIVING WRITING PROMPTS**

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**IN YOUR WRITER’S NOTEBOOK RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING PROMPTS…**

**1. Invitation to Dinner**

Suppose **you can invite one special person**, living or dead, to share your family’s Thanksgiving dinner this year. Would you choose a favorite relative who lives far away, a famous explorer, or a Lenape Indian, or even your best friend who moved away?

Think about who you would invite, and then …

**Either** write an essay explaining why you would invite this person (hint give 3 reasons) **or** write down 10 questions you would like to ask this person.

### 2. Leaf Pile Adventure

After Thanksgiving dinner, you and your cousin decide to explore the neighborhood. At the end of the street, you notice a giant pile of leaves.

Together, you make a running start and leap right into the middle of the pile! Suddenly, the ground opens up beneath you, and you find yourselves sliding down a steep slide.

Write a story about what happens when you land at the bottom of the slide. Where are you? Include **three different things that happen on your adventure**, and conclude your story by telling how you and your cousin get back home.

### 3. Thanksgiving Traditions

**What does your family do for Thanksgiving?** Do you host a big gathering at your house? Do you travel to another state to visit grandparents? Is Thanksgiving a small get-together, or is the house packed with friends and family? Who does the cooking? Does your family have**traditions**, such as playing games, watching football, or putting puzzles together?

Write about how you spend Thanksgiving, describing the sights, sounds, flavors, and aromas of the day. Use this **[Thanksgiving Word Bank](https://writeshop.com/2009/10/16/fall-and-thanksgiving-themed-word-banks/%22%20%5Co%20%22Fall%20and%20Thanksgiving%20Word%20Bank%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) i**f you need help thinking of strong, descriptive words.

#### Thanksgiving Word Bank

holiday, cornbread rolls

 Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, potatoes yams

Mayflower, Plymouth, green beans vegetables

 Indians, apples cranberries

 memories, flaky whipped

 grandparents, mashed creamy

family, buttery candied

 friends, sweet rich

football, savory golden

dinner, glazed crisp

 ham, baking roasting

 turkey, cooking steaming

 gravy, serving helping

 corn, sharing table

pumpkin pie, platter china

crust, silver tablecloth

coffee, lace linen

 cream, candles cornucopia

sausage, gourds aroma

stuffing, warm together

muffins, food, faith,

 prayer, plenty, thankful, blessing, welcome, gathering, together, November, parade