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**Materials needed:** Writing utensil (pencil or pen), lined paper and/or scribbler.

**Task*:*** Every day you are to respond (in paragraph format) to the daily writing prompt. Prompts will be made up of a variety of sources including: journal questions, quotations, song lyrics, images, videos, and poems.

It is your job to read, view, watch, or listen to the provided prompt and respond on a separate piece of paper or your scribbler. Your responses should be in proper paragraph structure. This means you should write **AT LEAST FIVE SENTENCES** for each daily prompt using appropriate grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary for your grade level. You may write multiple paragraphs for each day but no less than one.

To write a solid paragraph remember to use **PEEL**!

**P** = **Point**: Your first sentence should get to the point. Have a clear topic sentence that shows what your paragraph will be about or what you will be arguing.

**E** = **Evidence/Example**: Your next sentences should provide evidence or examples to prove the point you made in the first sentence.

**E** = **Explain**: Next, you need to explain exactly how your evidence/example supports your point, giving more details to ensure that the reader understands why it’s important.

**L** = **Link**: To finish the paragraph, you need to link everything back to your initial point or argument.

**If unsure what to write:** Make text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections.

* Text-to-self 🡪 This is a personal connection the reader makes between the material and their own experiences or life. For example, a quote may remind you of something a grandparent did or told you.
* Text-to-text 🡪 This is when the reader is reminded of other things they have read, seen, watched, or listened to. For example, a poem may remind you of what happened in a television show you watched.
* Text-to-world 🡪 These are big-picture ideas where the reader brings a real-world issue, situation, or information as a connection to what they have read. For example, a short story might remind you of a real-world problem like racism.

**Day 1: Journal Prompt**

What does it mean to be strong?

**Day 2: Quote**

“You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.” – Oprah Winfrey

**Day 3: Journal Prompt**

If failure was impossible, what would you try?

**Day 4: Poem**

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| COURAGE  It is in the small things we see it.  The child's first step,  as awesome as an earthquake.  The first time you rode a bike,  wallowing up the sidewalk.  The first spanking when your heart  went on a journey all alone.  When they called you crybaby  or poor or fatty or crazy  and made you into an alien,  you drank their acid  and concealed it.  Later,  if you faced the death of bombs and bullets  you did not do it with a banner,  you did it with only a hat to  cover your heart.  You did not fondle the weakness inside you  though it was there.  Your courage was a small coal  that you kept swallowing.  If your buddy saved you  and died himself in so doing,  then his courage was not courage,  it was love; love as simple as shaving soap. | Later,  if you have endured a great despair,  then you did it alone,  getting a transfusion from the fire,  picking the scabs off your heart,  then wringing it out like a sock.  Next, my kinsman, you powdered your sorrow,  you gave it a back rub  and then you covered it with a blanket  and after it had slept a while  it woke to the wings of the roses  and was transformed.  Later,  when you face old age and its natural conclusion  your courage will still be shown in the little ways,  each spring will be a sword you'll sharpen,  those you love will live in a fever of love,  and you'll bargain with the calendar  and at the last moment  when death opens the back door  you'll put on your carpet slippers  and stride out.  - Anne Sexton |

**Day 5: Journal Prompt**

What things do you dread doing? Why?

**Day 6: Video**

Courage (your world within) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnWcd4FEzz8&app=desktop>

**Day 7: Journal Prompt**

If I were a superhero, I’d be…

**Day 8: List**

What are your three worst fears? Explain.

**Day 9: Poem**

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| COURAGE  Courage is what makes us  Courage is what divides us  Courage is what drives us  Courage is what stops us  Courage creates news  Courage demands more  Courage creates blame  Courage brings shame | Courage shows in school  Courage determines the cool  Courage divides the weak  Courage pours out like a leak  Courage puts us on a knee  Courage makes us free  Courage makes us plea  Courage helps us flee  - Corey Fauchon |

**Day 10: Journal Prompt**

Who is someone that inspires you or that you look up to?