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Directions: Each class period during Writing Zone, select one prompt. You must write about at least one prompt from #1-8 (in-depth, best effort) during each week to earn full WZ points. Remember, label each date and mark each prompt.

1. A wealthy donor plans to build a new facility that will benefit young people in your area. It could be a swimming pool, a theater, a skateboard park, an art school, or any other facility that would provide young people with constructive ways to spend their time. The donor is not sure what kind of facility would be most useful. Write a letter to the donor in which you identify the type of facility you would like to have built, and persuade her that it is the best choice. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.
2. Your principal wants to invite a celebrity speaker to your school. Think about the celebrity you would choose to have speak; then, write a letter to persuade your principal to invite this person. Be sure to include convincing reasons and details to support your choice.
3. It has been said that television has little real educational value. What is your opinion on this issue?
4. The principal of your school is considering conducting random locker searches several times a year without letting students know in advance. What is your position concerning this issue?
5. Many people believe that television violence has a negative effect on society because it promotes violence. Explain why you agree or disagree?
6. In many countries, citizens are required to serve in the military for a year or more. Do you believe the United States should institute a similar practice? Why or why not?
7. Today, there are more and more reality shows on television. Do these shows make good television? Explain why or why not?
8. If someone discovered a formula that would enable us to live forever, would that be a blessing or a curse? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
9. Writer's Choice