



Writing Checklist for ages 12 to 16.

Choose a topic:

New Planet:

You have taken a trip through space. On your travels, you have encountered some exciting new discoveries that you want to share with us back on Earth. What did you see? Were you able to bring something back to show us? Write your discoveries and adventure using up to 750 words!

Virtual Reality:

You have been given an exciting opportunity to make your own game that you can be a part of using virtual reality! You have to think about your goals and what you may encounter along the way, however, you manage to get stuck in your own game and can't leave without completing your missions! How hard can it be right? Tell us your challenges using 750 words!

Checklist:

- ☐ I have used indirect characterisation to introduce my characters and their personalities (through their actions, their words, their thoughts, or what people think about them).
- ☐ I use a consistent writing style in my story.
- ☐ I stick to one verbal tense (past or present) throughout my story.

- ❑ My story is structured to ensure that there is an exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution (unless I am ending my story with a cliffhanger).
- ❑ I use a variety of sentence structures to spice up my writing (starting with an adverb, a subordinate clause, compound, relative simple etc...)
- ❑ I use literary devices such as personification, similes and metaphors to create suspense or tension in my writing where necessary to bring out the conflict of the story.
- ❑ When I use dialogue, I use the four golden rules of dialogue writing (use quotation marks, punctuation within the quotation marks, use other words than "said", any new character speaking = new line).
- ❑ My spelling and vocabulary use is accurate through the use of spell check, dictionaries and thesauruses.
- ❑ I have established a setting the reader can easily picture through the use of literary devices such as personification, emotive language, similes and character experience of his or her surroundings.
- ❑ I have stuck to the 750-word limit.