



WRITING YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM

FOR GRADE LEVELS 5TH & 8TH

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DESCRIPTION

Using the solar system as inspiration, Maddie takes you on a creative writing journey that explores your relationship to the people and the world around you. Simple writing prompts are designed to get your imagination spinning.

DISCUSSION

- Are there other systems that could provide a similar framework to explore yourself and your life? What about the human body? Using the heart, lungs, brain, etc. to map yourself and your experience in the world?
- Is there something in the solar system you wish to know more about? Select a planet or moon to research in more detail. How might your new information inspire a revision to your writing prompts?

SAMPLE TN STANDARDS

Science

5.ESS1.3-Use data to categorize different bodies in our solar system including moons, asteroids, comets, and meteoroids according to their physical properties and motion.

English Language Arts

8.L.KL.3-When writing and speaking, adjust style and tone to a variety of contexts; when reading or listening, analyze stylistic choices to determine context.

Fine Arts

5.MA.Cn2.B-Examine, discuss, and interact appropriately with media arts tools and environments, while considering ethics, rules, and media literacy.

MATERIALS

- Loose leaf paper, plain paper, notebook, or journal.
- Pen or pencil
- That's it!

