

# Winter Writing Journal

4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

The clock struck midnight and...

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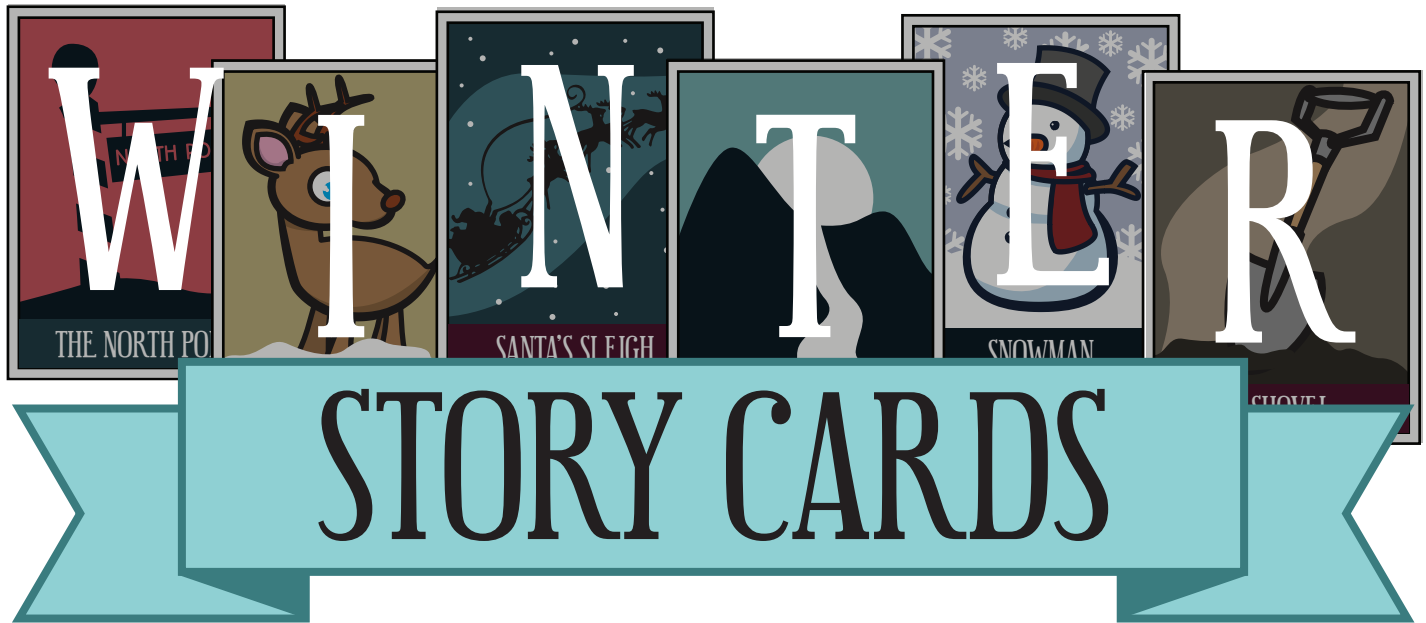
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It's story time! Cozy up by the fire for some wintery storytelling with story cards. To play, draw one setting card, one story item card and one character card. Then, tell a story using the items that you see on your cards! To put more twists and turns into your story, draw more cards.

Use the following table to organize your story and the blank page provided to write your story.

Storyteller (your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Cards chosen (circle all that apply):

Setting:

snowy outdoor forest    winter cabin    in the car    a frozen pond  
 ski slope    in the classroom    the playground    the North Pole

Characters:

snowman    Santa Claus    reindeer    kids  
 you    Yeti    ice skater    elf

Items:

shovel    Santa's sleigh    a sled    sack of toys  
 a pair of mittens    an igloo    a pair of skis    mistletoe



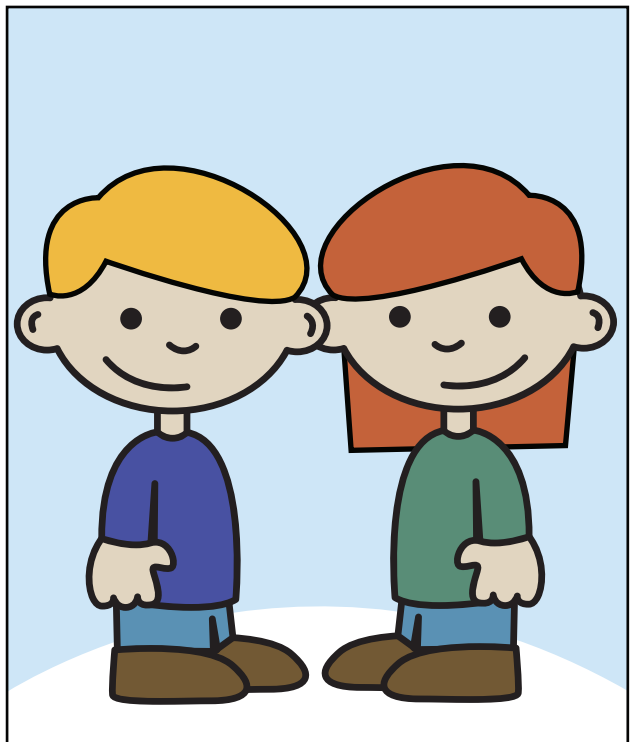
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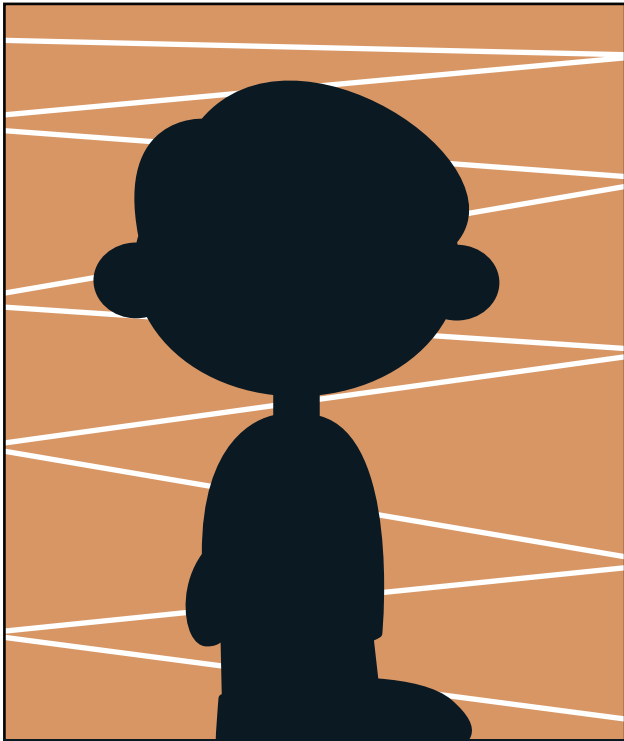
REINDEER



SANTA CLAUS



KIDS



YOU!



YETI



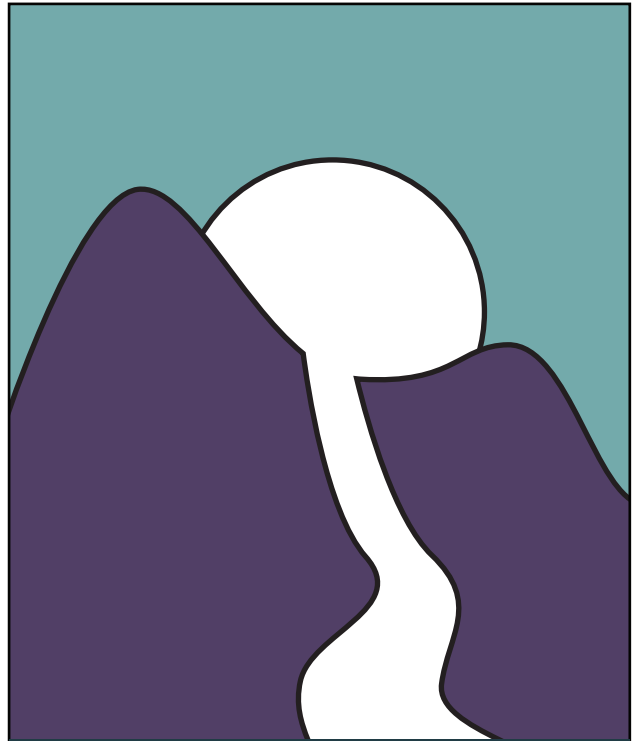
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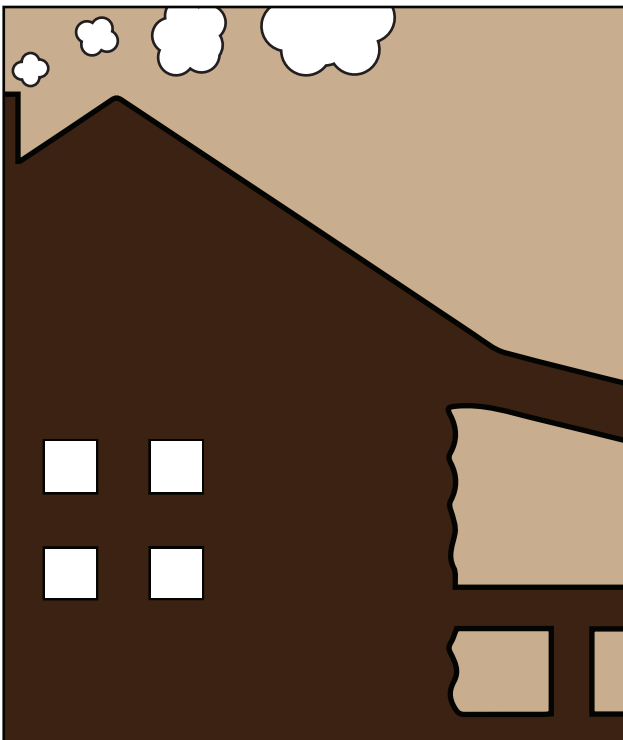
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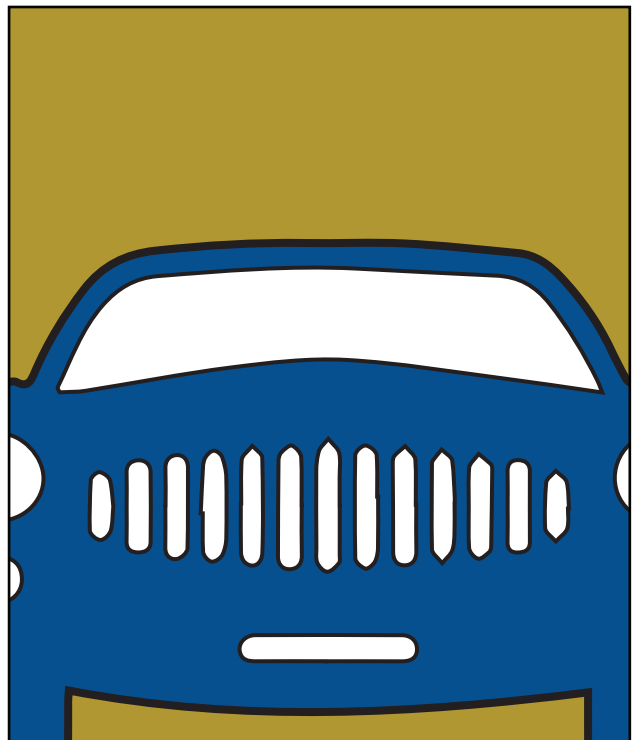
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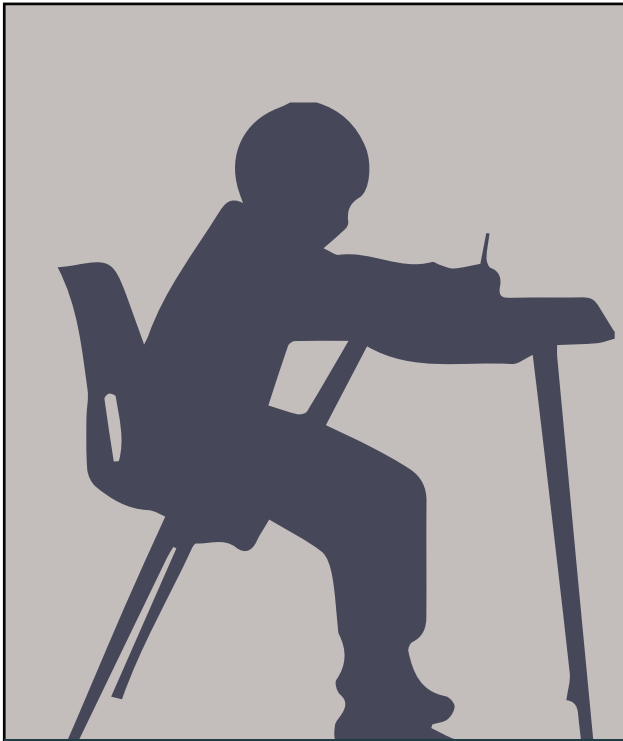
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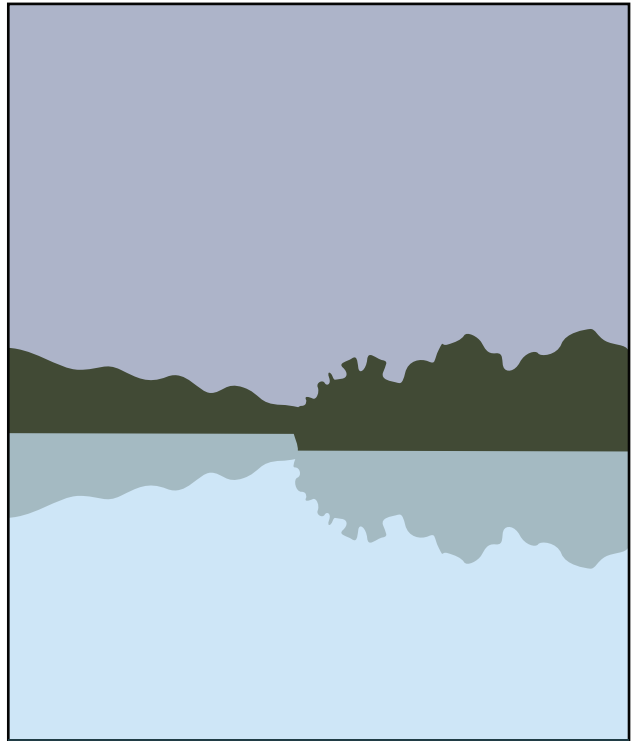
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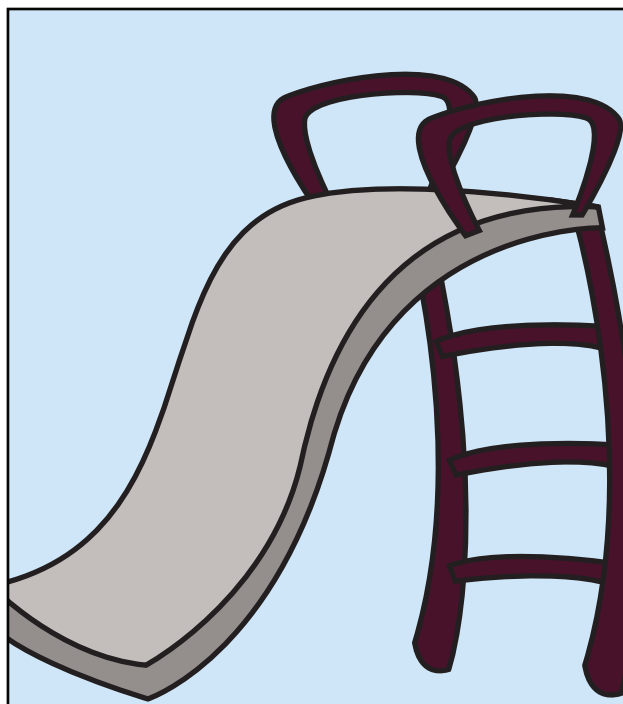
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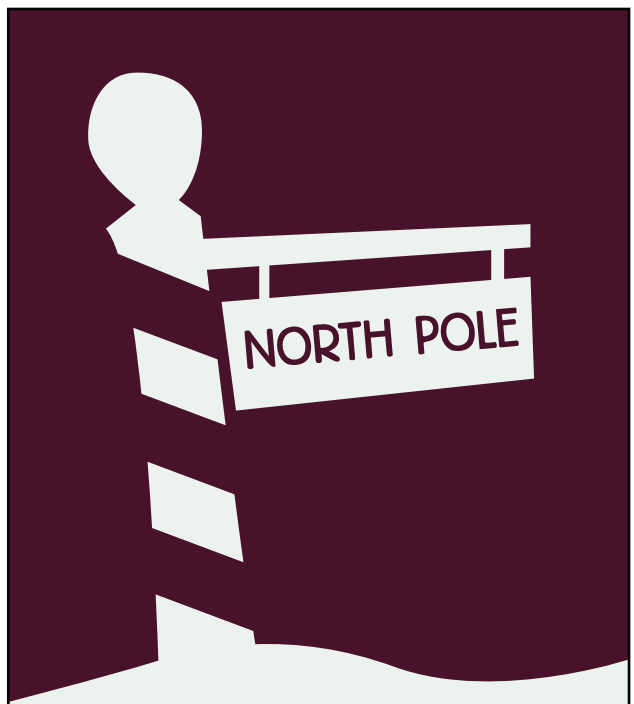
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A FROZEN POND



THE PLAYGROUND



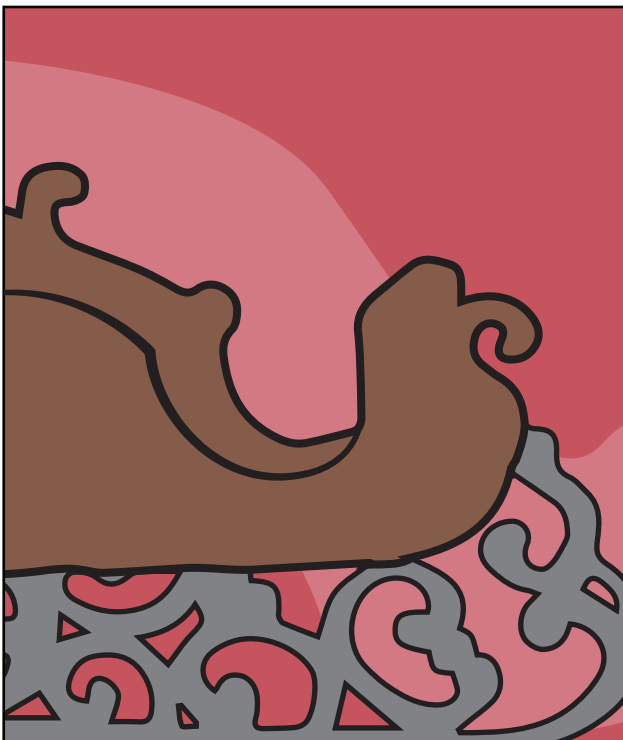
THE NORTH POLE



SANTA'S SLEIGH



SACK OF TOYS



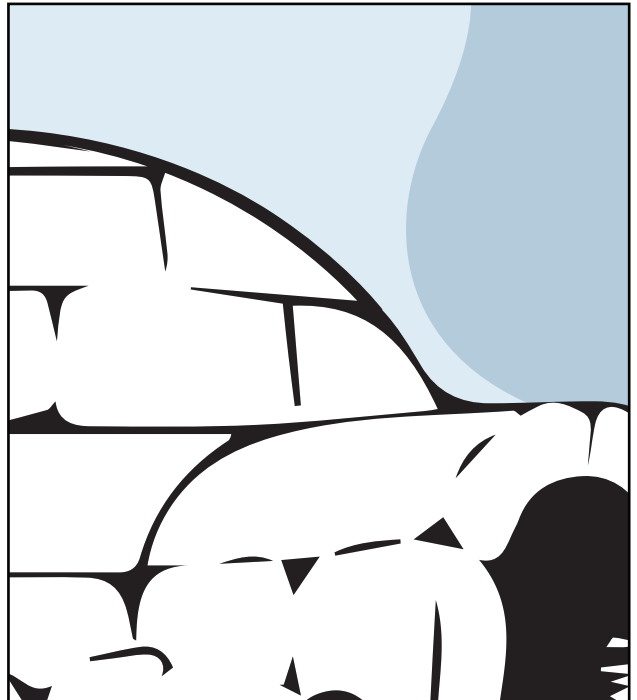
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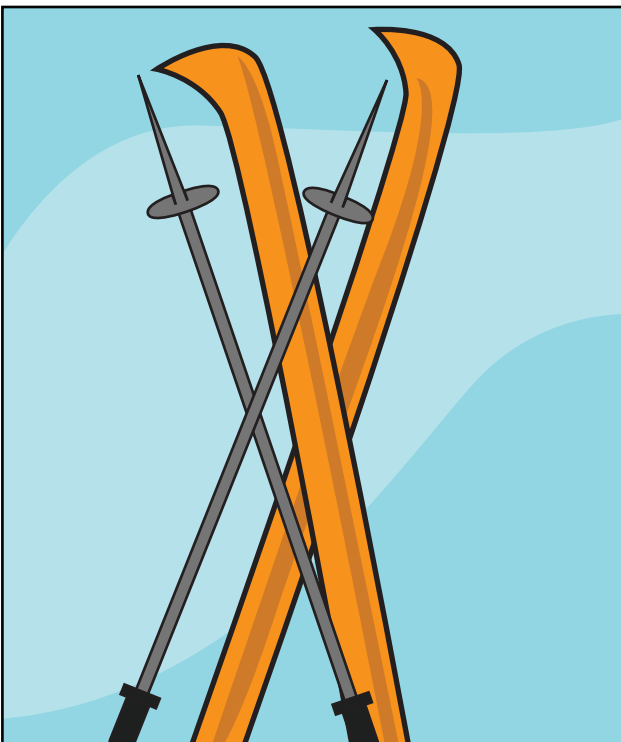
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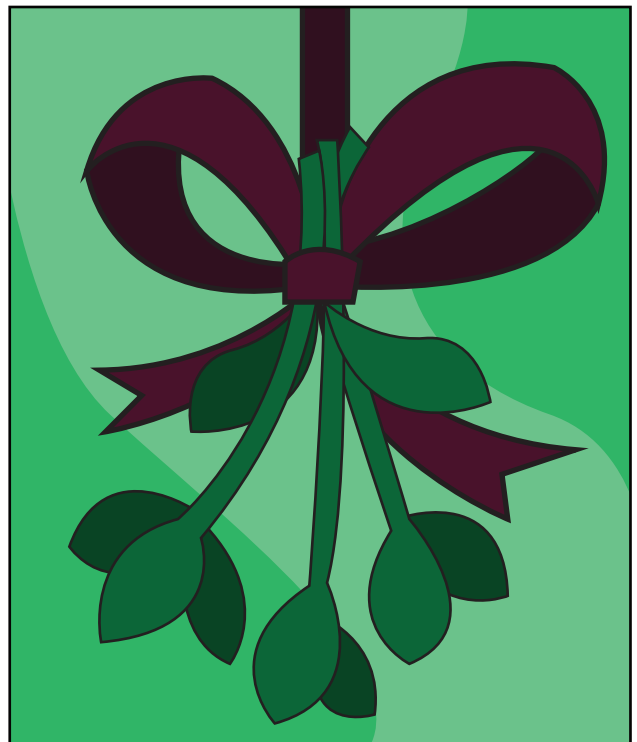
PAIR OF MITTENS



AN IGLOO



SKIS



MISTLETOE

Once upon a time...

A series of horizontal dashed lines for writing.

# Snow Day!

Not all parts of the country can have snow days, but it's always good to be prepared. What would you want to have with you if you got snowed in? Create a survival kit for yourself to prepare for that next big blizzard!

## STEP ONE

Make a list of supplies

*What will you need to survive a snow day?*

I will need...

A large rectangular area with a light beige background and a black border, containing 15 horizontal dashed lines for writing.

## STEP TWO

Make a snow day home base

*What will it look like? Draw a map.*



Describe your snow day home base

Handwriting practice area with seven horizontal dashed lines on a light beige background, intended for describing the snow day home base.

## STEP THREE

Make an itinerary of things to do

*Fill in each activity with a description*



**One art or DIY craft:**



**One indoor group game:**



**One book to read:**



**One partner in crime:**



**One meal to cook:**



**One card game:**



**One fun indoor activity:**

# WINTER



## bucket list

Winter is a time for change and renewal. Make your own winter bucket list.

Think of **ONE** healthy thing that you want to start doing every single day.

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*now do it!*

What are **TWO** things you've really been wanting to buy? Write up a budget so you can start saving; you'll appreciate them more if you work hard for them!

1. -----

2. -----

Plan out your budget here:

**Goal amount:** -----

**Amount of money I'll save every week:** -----

**How many weeks I will save up:** -----

*I got them!*

Think of **THREE** fun winter activities that you've always wanted to do. Bring your friends!

1. -----

2. -----

3. -----

*I did it!*



Write down **FOUR** favorite winter traditions. Make sure you go do them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

*↪ I did it!*

Think of **THREE** fun activities you can do with your whole family this winter. Put them down on the calendar!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*↪ I did it!*

Think of **TWO** ways you can give back this holiday season. Have fun doing good for others, it'll make you feel good too!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

*↪ I helped!*

What is **ONE** thing you've always wanted to learn how to do? Write up a game plan of how you will start learning!

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

*↪ I learned!*

# winter

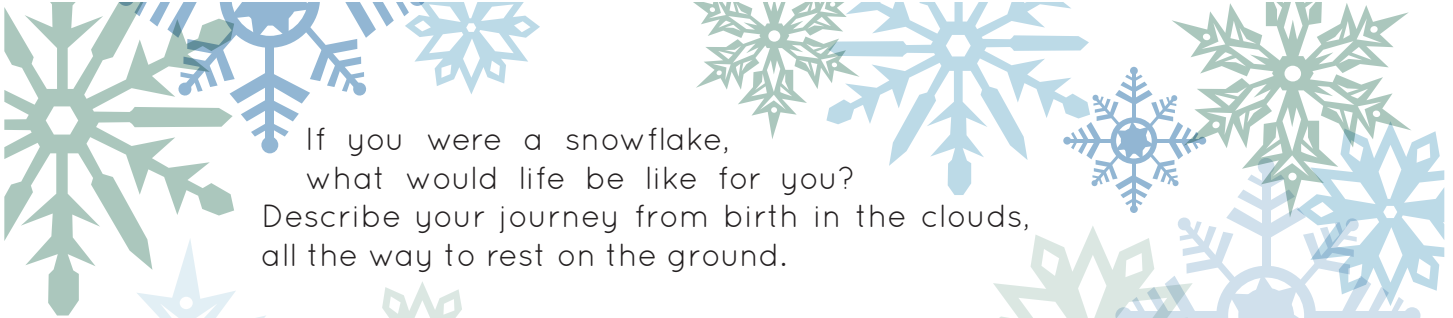
Describe the holiday season using the five senses. What smells remind you of the holidays? What sights do you love? How does it feel? Do you have any favorite winter tastes? Which sounds make you think of Christmas? Paint a scene of senses.

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# Christmas

What if "Christmas" were a person? Would it be a boy or girl? What would this person look like? Describe Christmas's personality and other traits.

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If you were a snowflake,  
what would life be like for you?  
Describe your journey from birth in the clouds,  
all the way to rest on the ground.

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# Writing Prompt Christmas in Summer?



What if Christmas took place on June 25th instead of December 25th? How would it be different? Write a story about what summer Christmas looks like and draw a few examples in the space provided below.

**Draw a summer Christmas tree, ornaments and decorations!  
Instead of Christmas sweaters, what would be worn to parties?**



# Writing Prompt The Evil Snowman



You are being followed down the street by an evil snowman that came to life! But the worst part is that no one believes you. Tell a story about what you do next.

A large writing area with a green, wavy border. It contains ten horizontal dashed lines for writing.

A large rectangular area with a decorative green wavy border. Inside, there are 20 horizontal dashed lines for writing.

# Writing Prompt The Present



One night, you sneak into the living room to check out the presents under the tree. Suddenly, you hear a voice. It's small and soft. Then, you realize it's coming from one of the presents...

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A large rectangular area with a solid purple border and a dashed purple inner border. Inside, there are 20 horizontal dashed lines, creating a writing template.

# Writing Prompt Frozen in Time



It's Christmas morning, and you run downstairs to open presents. But something weird happens - it seems that time has been frozen! Outside the cars are still, and people walking by are frozen in place. Tell a story of what has happened and what you do next!

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A large rectangular area with a light blue border, containing 25 horizontal dashed lines for writing.



# Persuasive Essay Is Santa Real?

Little Timmy came home crying one day - some kids just told him that Santa doesn't exist! Unfortunately, they had a good argument: There is no such thing as a flying reindeer, the North Pole is too cold to live in, and how could Santa even visit every child of the world in one night? It's your job to provide a counter-argument to help make Little Timmy renew his belief in Santa! Use what you will learn about persuasive writing to come up with 3 main counter-arguments, each with plenty of supporting evidence, to argue that there really is a Santa Claus.

## Identify your counter-arguments

Use the chart below to identify your counter-argument for each point your friends made against the existence of Santa Claus.

Their argument	Your argument
<b>There is no such thing as a flying reindeer.</b>	
<b>The North Pole is too cold to live in.</b>	
<b>How can Santa visit every child in the world in just one night?</b>	

# Outline your essay

Fill in the essay map below with points for your introduction, your three main arguments including their separate supporting details and your conclusion.

Here are a few things to keep in mind while organizing your essay:

**Introduction:** Identify the purpose of your essay and give a brief summary.

**Body:** State your topic sentence for each point, give supporting details for each and then give a concluding sentence for each paragraph.

**Conclusion:** Restate the points made in your essay and make your last statements regarding the topic.

<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>Argument #1</b>	<b>Supporting Details</b>
<b>Argument #2</b>	<b>Supporting Details</b>
<b>Argument #3</b>	<b>Supporting Details</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	

# Write your essay

Use the information you've organized in the previous pages to write your essay.

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Great job!

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