

SONGS AND SHORT VIDEOS

Play at the start of class for students to draw inspiration from. They can describe what they heard/watched, or use it to help shape whatever story that comes to mind.

I will typically play the song and have them write while the song is playing, whereas with short videos I'll have them watch it once (maybe twice if short), then have them write.

Important note on songs/videos:

I've provided links to youtube so that original artists/sources may get credit. I've included links to songs/videos that I feel are able to be used for a typical high school creative writing class, but please select appropriate songs/videos for your class. Links may contain images/words/lyrics/situations you find inappropriate for use - do not use those. I recommend previewing any link you may use to determine if it's appropriate for your class/situation.

(Mark when you've used it to ensure there are no repeats throughout the course)

Used SONGS to listen to:

The Lonely Shepherd	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qsgBF7ZlSk
Live version to show how	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orL-w2QBiN8
Axel theme song	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4kWpi2HnPU
Hot Butter – Popcorn	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK3ZP6frAMc
Diablo Rojo - Rodrigo y Gabriela	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw1o0or7_us

Used SONGS to watch:

Spark - Brian King Joseph	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TE1LxL2ugBE
2 brothers cello (AGT)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X-1aa54KgA
Nostalgia - Yanni	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLd0-IDDAzU
Thunderstruck - 2 Cellos	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT3SBzmDxGk
A Flat - Black Violin	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEIVzWCRSg8
Kazoo final countdown	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U36zas52wk
Dancing Robots	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fn3KWM1kuAw

Used SHORT VIDEOS:

Derek Hough – Room	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw-8ofGXayA
Fighting Gravity (AGT)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oL17hX8TS_M
Second performance	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7GLj8LIWm8 start at 1:52

Slow Motion crushing ball	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmjRMtN2zoA
Kenichi Eniba	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2edltPdP14
Line rider	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIz3kIPET3o
Architects (SYTYCD)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_BiJFmzHbA
Green Lawn	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W92Ux9GKAI
Try to fix you	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=do2vmsmdwlk
The Maker (violin)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDXOioU_OKM
Oddly satisfying vid	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0NISZnwBaQ
Bryan Reagan: Boxen	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkrMsPiqG6M
Inception cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLDSE7RHvno
Stalking cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzzjgBAaWZw
Rowan Air Drumming	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_kloG2Z7tU
Lava eats car	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqRDaHnRzLI
Cat vs. apple	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tx6rnw-Gx30
Ball of matchsticks	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jxRnodaKzE start at 1:20
Pallas cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glXw-3H48yU
Sassy bird walk	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYJB0zyjt70
Best pirate I've ever seen	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLjS4B00tI0
Frozen methane bubbles	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1Hb1obxqsg
Explanation of frozen bubbles	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxnOPyrqKoY&t=6s
Convos with my 2 year old	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdtD19tXX30&disable_polymer=true
Dueling Carls (high voice)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-7mQhSZRgM
Yosemite rainbow waterfall	https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/yosemite-falls-rainbow
Wave touching the sky	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWYtiK1_YU0
Slomo Water Effects	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVx-PFkDf_E
Stuntman on another level	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyoevJmcRYI
Transfiguration by Universal Everything	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy9M0gynZNE
Remote controlled Robot fighting	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uu9aa-cqJ0w
Pug riding skateboard	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kILWk7WE0HA
Groundhog sports	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX4oFxT8F-s
Octopus kites	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqUsh-JqWbg
Ferrets playing in peanuts	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkeVjkUKwF4
Dinosaur demolition	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EojIzcWJhoM
Acroarmy (AGT)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7tUDf2ykGY
Bernie Bergan (wheelchair)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ba36UTRwFg

40 year old hip hop (check song lyrics)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOLQBUI-rdI
Dining room rock	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4eo6LS9lto
Cat mirror? (last 2 seconds)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm1aWsQgfNo
Go away crocodile	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToIUoOzxAF0
Blanket wind dancing	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln4qfVPJDZY
Trying to have a picnic	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyz8kORGSfA
Facial singing	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTCJM3LnJb0
Turtleneck and blazer	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDqJBGUtGmc
Arizona hail storm	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuMX9AM9BrE (stop at 1 min)
Yixing clay teapot	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p7ohcMS7RE
Murmuration	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4f_1_r80RY
Sand kinetic sculpture	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZePhxfXlms
Snake climbing a tree	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_K-XZPyOfM
20 weird medical facts	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5qIO2kL9-E

Used HOLIDAY THEMED SONGS/VIDEOS

New Year's Resolutions - The Office	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvJUf6LHILk
Merrell Twins - Valentine's Day	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytMPI_6iw9o stop at 3:42
Gardiner Brothers - St Patrick's Day	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8gVXz8ZIHl
Attic Panic (Halloween)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjck1TNXXhI
Closet Space (Halloween)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fje6_ou5RY
Helpful demon (Halloween)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9opIT3-h_0
Turkey reporter (Thanksgiving)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDNnNmqqhNI
Christmas tree jingle bells	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AUE4ZrMitI
Christmas light house show	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GufRiBUZQPc
Clean Christmas Vines	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFKK9AmrSb0
Haunting Jingle Bells	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OmYxFWN5wU