

SOME STAR STRUCTURES grade 4
structures we've seen on high-scoring essays

My Experience, My Opinion

I ♥
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I can ...

I can also...

That's why I ♥
—.

Whole & Parts

I ♥
—.

one thing about it

another thing about it

That's why...

Opposites

two opposites

my opinion

my opinion

Best Things About It

I ♥
—.

one good thing about it

the best thing about it

I ♥
—.

Four empty rectangular boxes for writing.

D.I.Y. STAAR PROMPTS

Writing Prompts – Additional Practice Prompts for Grade 4 STAAR

Favorite Persons

Pick a person you like.
Write an essay and explain why you chose that person.

- Movie actor
- Singer
- You tuber
- TV personality
- Author
- Scientist
- Musician
- Artist
- Cartoon character
- Character from a movie
- Character from a nursery rhyme
- Character from a legend
- Character from a myth
- Character from a fairy tale
- Character from history
- Person from a different time period
- Relative you admire
- One of your ancestors
- Funniest person
- Inspiring person
- Person deserving an award
- Unsung hero
- Strongest inner character
- Best adult to model after
- Person who has helped you most
- Person you are grateful for
- Person you'd like to know better

Favorite Places

Pick a place you like.
Write an essay and explain why you chose that place.

- Place from a movie
- Place from a story
- Place you have been
- Place you wish (still) existed
- Best hiding place
- Best place outside
- Best place to play
- Best place to run
- Best place to make friends
- My future home
- Best spot at home
- Vacation spot I'd like to visit
- Best place to live
- Best place to read
- Best place to relax

Favorite Things

What's your favorite _____?
Write an essay and explain why you have that opinion.

- Season
- Seasonal activity
- Holiday
- Day of the week
- Breakfast
- Lunch food
- Birthday meal
- Snack
- Healthy snack
- Unhealthy snack
- Wish for your future
- Book
- Book from your childhood
- Picture book
- Animal
- Zoo animal
- Wild animal
- Pet you have had
- Pet you wish you had
- Gift you've given someone
- Gift someone gave you
- Gift you'd like to give someone
- Hair style on someone else
- Hair style on yourself
- Hair cut
- Backpack
- Shirt
- Pair of shoes
- Item of clothing
- Episode of the Simpsons
- Game
- Video game
- Movie
- TV show
- TV show from childhood
- Cartoon
- Board game
- Hobby
- Piece of artwork
- Sport to play
- Sport to watch
- Olympic sport
- Sport you wish schools would add
- Toy from your childhood
- Invention from the past
- Recent invention
- Scientific discovery
- Kind of math problem