

## November Journal Topics

You may write about whatever you wish in your free write journal. Let your imagination run free!  
These are just some suggestions if you run out of ideas of your own.

### Topics

- ❑ The most important person I know
- ❑ A lucky day
- ❑ Skunks
- ❑ The food I like the most
- ❑ The food I hate the most
- ❑ A haircut
- ❑ Nuts
- ❑ Old socks
- ❑ It wasn't my fault!
- ❑ Magic tricks
- ❑ What makes me cry
- ❑ How to grow a pumpkin
- ❑ Pumpkin pie
- ❑ My favorite way to travel
- ❑ My new bike
- ❑ Hamburgers
- ❑ Signs of winter
- ❑ Grandma's house

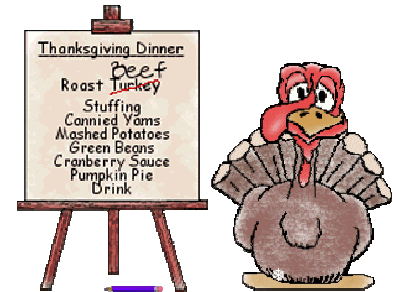
### Story Starters

- ❑ If a movie is based on a book, do you think it is best to: a) read the book before seeing the movie, b) read the book after seeing the movie, c) only read the book, or d) only see the movie? Why?
- ❑ If I were an animal I would be ...
- ❑ On the way home from school ...
- ❑ I hate to ...
- ❑ If I were a garbage can, I would say ...
- ❑ I like to ...
- ❑ When I am sad, I ...
- ❑ When I can't sleep, I ...
- ❑ What do you think happened when the first

Pilgrim child met the first Indian child?

- ❑ Father and I went out early this morning to capture a wild turkey.
- ❑ Here are the five things I am most thankful for ... (Give a reason for each one.)
- ❑ Compare the first Thanksgiving celebration with the way your family celebrates.
- ❑ If I were a sailor on the Mayflower ...
- ❑ If I were a deer in the forest ...
- ❑ The first thing I wanted to do when I stepped off the Mayflower after our long journey was ...
- ❑ Pretend you are a Native American. How do you feel about Thanksgiving celebrations?
- ❑ Imagine that you are a kernel of popcorn. You have just been dumped into a large container. You hear a voice say, "Plug it in. It's ready to pop." Describe what happens as you are popped. Be sure to include things that you see and hear and smell and feel.
- ❑ Imagine your favorite kind of pie. Your grandmother has just taken one out of the oven, and it's sitting on the counter cooling. You can smell it. Your mouth begins to water and you find yourself staring at its golden crust. Describe what happens next.

- ❑ November 26 is Charles Schultz's birthday. Mr. Schultz created the cartoon figures Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and Lucy. Just like real people, each of his characters has a special personality and a special way of behaving. Create your own cartoon characters. Draw them here and then describe their personalities and the ways that they behave.



### Titles

- ❑ How to Catch a Turkey
- ❑ If I Had Lived in 1620
- ❑ Squanto, the Pilgrims' Friend
- ❑ The Smells of Thanksgiving
- ❑ Lost in the Woods
- ❑ The Perfect Thanksgiving Dinner
- ❑ Why You Should Be a Vegetarian – by Tom Turkey
- ❑ Thanksgiving From a Turkey's Point of View
- ❑ My Story, or the Narrow Escape – by T. Turkey