

2nd Grade Opinion Writing Prompt

PROMPT

Is it important to be responsible at school and in your community? After reading *Responsibility*, write 1-2 paragraphs in which you give your opinion and reasons as to why it is important to be responsible at school and in your community. Support your opinion with evidence from the text.

TARGETED STANDARDS CONNECTION

Social Studies Standard 2

(Citizenship): Students will recognize and practice civic responsibility in the community, state, and nation.

Objective 2: Identify individuals within the school community and how they contribute to the school's success.

b) Demonstrate respect for the school and school community.

Writing

W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., *because*, *and*, *also*) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Materials:

Responsibility (book by Lucia Raatma—from [Epic Books](#)—a free online book resource for teachers)(Lexile: 540L)

Typed up text from book for students to refer to for evidence

Instructional Sequence:

1. Teacher hands out the typed up prompt and text.
2. The teacher introduces writing prompt and explains that students will be listening/reading a text and using that text to answer the prompt.
3. The teacher reads aloud pages *Responsibility* by Lucia Raatma to the students. As the teacher reads, students may be underlining or highlighting information that they may find useful for responding to the prompt.
4. Upon finishing the read aloud, students will be provided with paper to respond to the prompt.