



Year 5 – Year 6 Homework

Term 4, Week 3 – 4

Writing – Diary Entry of a Future Self



The Purpose: This activity allows students to practice personal writing within diary/journal writing conventions. It also challenges them to consider what their world will be like in the future, perhaps stepping a foot into the realm of science fiction.

The Process: Straightforwardly, after working through some examples of diary or journal writing, and reviewing the various criteria of the genre, challenge the students to write an entry at a given milestone in the future.

This may be when they leave school, begin work, go to university, get married, have kids, retire, etc. You may even wish to get the students to write an entry for a series of future milestones as part of a more extended project.

View this and other writing prompts at <https://literacyideas.com/7-fun-writing-activities-for-students/>

Maths – Analogue Time

For this task you will need access to a computer or smart device. On your browser, go to the 'Approaching Midnight' game on the N-Rich website - <https://nrich.maths.org/approaching-midnight-0>

For this game, you will take turns with the computer to make the clock read midnight. You will need to decide on each turn what increment of time to add; 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes. The player that gets the clock to read midnight on their turn is the winner!

After playing a few times, consider the following questions?

- Is there a trick to winning each game?
- Does going first or second make a difference?

