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Grades: 3/4/5 (Self-Contained Class)

Subject: ELA

App Name: Write About This Price: Free (Lite version)/ \$3.99 (Full version)

CCLS Addressed:

Common Core English Language Arts Standards-Writing- Kindergarten

- **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.1** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., *My favorite book is...*).
- **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.2** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.
- **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.3** Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.

App Website: <http://www.writeaboutapp.com/>

App Description:

This Common Core aligned app gives students a visual and writing prompt to help them write both fiction and non-fiction narratives. Authentic photos and visuals encourage students to add details to their writing whether it is in the form of a list, letter, poem or narrative piece. Students can choose from 15+ categories already programmed in to this app, or can create their own “Write About”. Students can also select Random and the app will randomly select a writing prompt and corresponding visual. Next, students are able to select “Create Your Own”, which allows students the ability to take a photo or use a photo from the iPad’s camera roll. The student can add text as the writing prompt. Finally, the student can record audio of the written prompt, if students prefer to listen to the assigned writing prompt.

The settings section allows the user to turn on/off the text prompts being shown on screen, the voice prompts (which read the writing prompt), as well as the ability to create their own Write About, using pictures already offered within the app. Teacher may select prompt level to appropriately assign activity for students at different academic levels

App Incorporation:

Write About This can be used in a multitude of ways within and outside the classroom to strengthen a student’s writing skills.

Some ways that teachers can integrate this app include, but are not limited to:

- During a free writing time, a student can select a writing prompt that interests he or she.
- Students who have completed a Write About may take photographs around the classroom or school and create custom photo prompts.
- Students can share participate in an interactive or shared writing experience
- Teacher can select a writing prompt and connect the iPad to a projector to display the prompt for all children to see and complete.
- Students can complete writing prompts in their writer’s notebooks during Writer’s Workshop.