

LISTACLE INFORMATIONAL WRITING PROJECT



ASSIGNMENT DIRECTIONS

Listacle: a piece of writing in the form of a list

Directions: People love to make lists! Listacles are informational pieces of writing that show the reader HOW to do something or provide a summary of WHAT a topic is about.

Examples

#___ Tips for _____

#___ Ways to Be An Awesome Student

#___ Mistakes Beginners Make When _____

#___ of Things to Consider Before _____

#___ Things to Do When Schools Are Closed

Listacles are great because the title tells you what to expect when you read the article, and they are written in a way so the reader can take in the information easily. A lot of newspapers, websites, and blogs use this format to attract readers to their posts with interesting articles. Think of listacles like "how-to" guides for readers.

So the question is: What are you an expert in? What could you teach people about? Follow the three easy steps of the assignment to create a listacle report. You will want to do the brainstorming page first, then draft your listacle, and then check for any errors or mistakes.

Example Listicle

Catchy Title: 10 Awesome Things To Try at Home During School Closures

School closing doesn't have to be so bad! While I am away, I am trying to challenge myself to learn new things each day. I have made a personal challenge to try one new thing every day. This may be a new activity, a new game, or a new project that can be school related or not. My goal is to try to keep challenging myself to be curious about the world around me. Let's see what I have come up with so far!

1. Make a timeline collage. I am trying to add details about what I am doing each day. I like to draw in pictures or glue in pictures from a magazine to make it look more interesting.
2. Create a map of my house with a key. I found some paper and I wanted to draw a map of my house and backyard. I feel like this map could be the start of a great story! I am adding in a key with all of the features of my house, too. You could also make a map of your neighborhood!
3. Make a soundtrack of my life. I wanted to make a list of 10 songs that describe my life right now. From Taylor Swift's "You Need to Calm Down" to Beyonce's "Bigger," I have a lot of music to listen to each day.
4. Design your own puzzle. I made a big picture the other day on a giant piece of paper, and then I cut it up into pieces. I had so much fun with my sister trying to put the picture back together again.
5. Go on a virtual field trip. I know everybody doesn't have access to computers, but many virtual field trips can also be done from a phone! Recently, I have been to South America to see the rainforest and Antarctica to see a polar bear! It felt like I was really there!
6. Write a letter to yourself or others. I was unsure of this one until I sent a letter to my aunt. She actually called me, and she said the letter made her cry! I just told her I missed her, but I feel like there is power in letting people know we care.
7. Develop an indoor scavenger hunt. You can hide the items, and then make a list of directions to guide other people. Make sure to trade off jobs so that you can do some of the finding, too!
8. Invent a secret code or language. Then try to get someone to figure out the code! Share the key after they take a few minutes to guess what is going on! Then, you can try to write longer messages in your secret code or language.
9. Start a creative writing story chain. I love story chains! The way that these work is to start a story, and then you can pass it on to someone else. They add whatever they want to the story! The goal would be to keep passing until it gets back to the original owner. You can easily do this on a Google Doc or in a letter.
10. Produce a "I'm So Bored" list to stick to the fridge. Everyone in the house can chip in with ideas! This has come in handy when my sister is complaining. I also got some really good ideas from other family members!

Think about these other great examples!

5 Ways to Deal With Your Little Brother (or Sister) Driving You Crazy

12 Ways to Stay Busy When You Feel Bored

10 Delicious Treats to Try to Eat While Schools are Closed

Welcome to Middle School: 7 Tips for New Sixth-Graders

STEP 1: BRAINSTORM YOUR LISTACLE

NAME

DATE

WHAT THINGS ARE YOU GOOD AT? WHAT TOPICS COULD YOU TEACH SOMEONE ABOUT?

WHAT ARE SOME PROBLEMS FOR YOU? WHAT COULD BE SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT?

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU COULD EASILY ARGUE ABOUT?

STEP 2: LISTACLE PROJECT OUTLINE

TOPIC

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OF ITEMS

AUDIENCE

OTHER INFORMATION

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