

## Mini Lesson: Writing Prompt

“If You Were President, What Would You Do First?”

1. **Grade Level/Audience:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
2. **Curriculum Topic:** writing a prompt about a student’s opinion on a topic presented by the teacher. (W.3.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting the opinion with reasons.)
3. **On-line Tools:** Inspiration and Mind Meister
4. **Synopsis of what I’m doing and how I am using the tools. How are the students doing it? Individually, whole class, group of 3 etc.:**

When having the students complete this lesson I will have the on-line tools, Inspiration and Mind Meister. As a group, we will go over the correct way to write a paragraph. The students will understand that a paragraph must have 5 complete sentences, or more. The students will then brainstorm their different ideas for the prompt on Mind Meister. After the students have done this they will get some more brainstorming practice on Inspiration. Because we are using mind Meister first, the students will have a better understanding as to how to properly use inspiration and I also feel that the students will have more fun using it. After the students have brainstormed, they will then write their prompt. The students first prompt will be their rough draft. After we have reviewed each prompt and gone over what needs to be addressed the students will make a final draft and I will post them on my personal website for parents to view!