

*Choose a project below and have fun with it. Maybe do one each week! These are for a mixture of ages—kids, teens and adults—just pick what you like. And if you're really brave, let someone else read or see your work!*

- **Write a story** about someone demonstrating a positive character trait. Added activity: Have a sibling or friend draw pictures to accompany the story—or do it yourself.
- **Record an interview** with an older family member about their life story, or a particular event in their life, then put it in writing.
- **Write a story** about an adventure or trip that you and your family or friends went on. Add any photos you might have from it, or draw pictures from your memories of it. Maybe present it as an online slide show, with you reading the story.
- Find a photo, illustration or piece of art in your home, or online, in a book or magazine, and **make up a story** about it.
- **Write a story** about yourself 5/10/15/20 years from now (your choice), as if someone is interviewing you for a news article. Why are you the subject of the interview? What is your profession and what might you be talking about in the interview?
- **Partner challenge:** Find a family member or friend and designate one to be the “drawer” and one to be the “describer.” The describer holds or looks at a photo of someone (someone you don’t personally know) or something and describes it in as much detail as possible to the drawer, without ever letting the drawer see the picture; include details like eye color, nose shape, wrinkles if it is a person, for example. When you both are ready to be finished, then compare the photo to the drawing. What additional details would have helped the drawer?
- Find a photo you love and **draw it**, using pencils, chalk, watercolors or whatever you choose.
- **Write a story** about how you would like to change the world.
- **Write an editorial** (your opinion) about something you feel strongly about. For a bonus, write about the possible opinions on the other side of the argument.
- **Write a story** about an obstacle in your life and how you got over it, or how you’re trying to get over it.
- **Choose a song** and analyze the meaning of its lyrics and music, then write about it.
- **Write a poem** (of any form) about something/someone you see every day. Then **write a poem** about something you experienced for the first time.
- **Write a story** about an event from the point of view of someone else in your family or friend group.
- **Draw a sketch** of something or someone in your home—for example, a favorite room, a pet, the dinner table, a family game night, a favorite book, a favorite superhero or graphic novel character.
- **Draw you as a superhero.** What is your special power? What is your backstory (your “origin story”)? **Write that story.**