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**Directions:**

- **Each student will choose three essays to write about Christmas.**
- **Essay #1 is due on Monday, December 19.**
- **Essay #2 is due on Tuesday, December 20.**
- **Essay #3 is due on Thursday, December 21.**
- **Your essays may be funny, sad, serious, and/or happy.**
- **Use fantastic word choice.**
- **Write your essays in your writing notebook.**
- **Be sure to give each essay a different title.**
- **Have fun!**

**Christmas Persuasive Essay**

- I definitely have been a very good boy or girl this year.
- Christmas is a time to be thinking of others.
- Presents are very important on Christmas Day.
- Presents should not be important on Christmas Day.
- We should have the Christmas spirit all year round.
- Christmas is a time to be thankful and for reflection.
- We should have Christmas twice a year!

**Christmas Process Essay or How-To Essay**

- A kid's perfect minute-by-minute plan for Christmas Day.
- The correct way to open Christmas presents.
- How to make Christmas a special day for the entire family.
- How to prepare for Christmas Day.
- How to wrap a Christmas present.
- How to decorate for Christmas.

**Christmas Argumentative Essay**

- There should be absolutely no arguing on Christmas Day.
- Christmas is the best holiday of them all.
- The real meaning of Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_
- The Christmas spirit is alive and well.

### **Christmas Evaluation Essay**

- What is the effect that Christmas has on society?
- Has the meaning of Christmas changed over time?
- Has Christmas become too commercialized?

### **Christmas Narrative/ Personal Narrative Essay**

- A wonderful Christmas memory.
- My favorite present I ever GAVE.
- Christmas shopping with my family.
- My favorite part of Christmas.
- Family time on Christmas.
- Christmas traditions in my family.
- The best Christmas ever.
- Funny happenings on Christmas day.
- Memorable presents.

### **Christmas Cause and Effect Essay**

- How I feel when I give on Christmas Day.
- How the Christmas spirit affects people's behavior and attitude.
- Preparations for Christmas Day and the outcomes of all that hard work.
- What effect does all the Christmas media promotion have?

### **Christmas Expository/Informational Essay**

- The history of Christmas.
- Christmas through the ages.
- Christmas traditions.
- Facts about Christmas.
- The symbols and symbolism of Christmas.
- The first Christmas.

## **Christmas Descriptive Essay**

- Describe opening presents.
- How I felt opening presents, eating delicious food, and spending time with family and friends.
- Describe the Christmas spirit or Christmas energy.
- Describe who you celebrate Christmas with. What makes them unique or special to celebrate with?
- Describe the sights, sounds, and smells of when you first walk out to the tree on Christmas morning.
- Describe how the anticipation and excitement of Christmas makes you feel.
- Describe the sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas.

## **Christmas Five-Paragraph Essay**

- Three reasons...
- Three signs...
- Three presents...
- Three traditions...
- Three signs that Christmas is just around the corner.
- Three reasons I love Christmas.

## **Christmas Compare and Contrast Essay**

- Christmas now compared to Christmas when I was “young.”
- What used to be important to me about Christmas compared to what is important about Christmas to me now.
- The day before Christmas, Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas.
- Giving vs. receiving.
- Christmas for kids compared to Christmas for adults.
- Christmas traditions in different cultures.

## **Christmas Story Ideas**

- A Christmas miracle.
- The greatest present ever.
- People in need on Christmas.
- The real story of Christmas.
- The day after Christmas.
- Wow... Look at that star!