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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!