

## Writing prompts

Possible questions to help ensure that students can further their thinking and understandings around writing.

- How is it going? Tell me about this writing.
- Have you planned thoroughly enough and know exactly what is happening and when, in sequence? Have you developed the characters and setting before beginning?\*
- Are you referring back to your plan?\*
- What genre is this piece? Show me why this piece is a ....(genre mentioned)
- How do you feel about this piece? Can you tell me more about it?
- Have you used an 'interesting lead' at the beginning of this piece to really 'hook' the reader into wanting to read it? What about the ending?\*
- How does this piece sound to you when you read it aloud?
- Can you 'bring it to life' by using the 5 senses? What can you/the character/the reader see, hear smell, taste and touch?\*
- What emotions can you/the character/the reader feel?\*
- Who will read this? Who is your planned audience?
- What is the most important thing you are trying to say?
- What are you thinking? What parts are terrific, what needs more work?\*
- Where do you need help? What questions do you have for me?
- Do you have enough/too much information? What can you add/cut out?
- Can you think of a different way to say this?
- What are you doing to edit and check the spelling/grammar/punctuation?