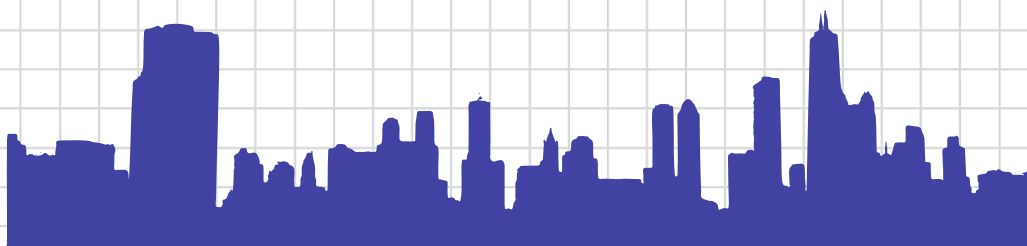
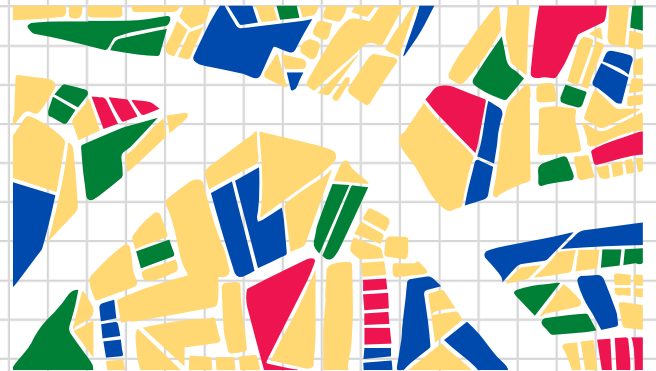
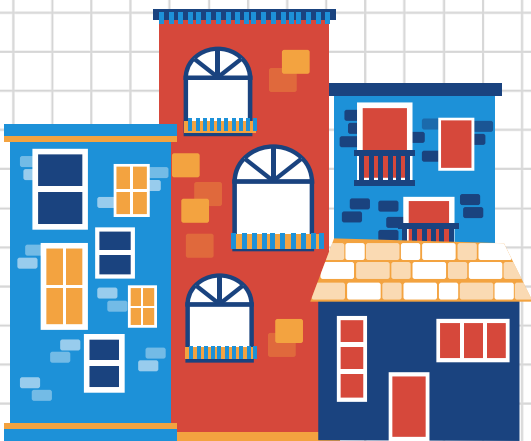


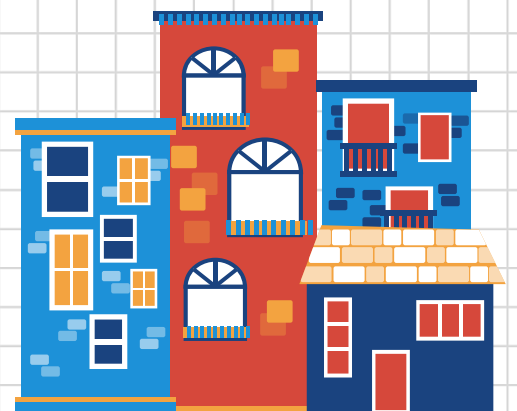
WRITING PROMPTS ON URBAN LIFE AND NEIGHBORHOODS

These writing prompts are great for teenagers and young adults, or anyone who wants to reflect on and write about life in their neighborhood or city.



MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Look at the houses on your street. Who lives there? Where are they from? How many generations have they lived there? What are their stories?



THEN AND NOW

You are a time traveler! What do you think you will find in your neighborhood if you go back in time? What does the land look like? Who lives there? What does the weather feel like? Now you travel years into the future. What do you find? What is it like? What happens to you?



LOCAL BUSINESSES

If you could start a business in your neighborhood or city, what would it be?

Where do you want it to be? Who is involved? Who are your customers? How will your business be involved in community life? Write a story about starting your business and opening day.



SECRET GARDEN

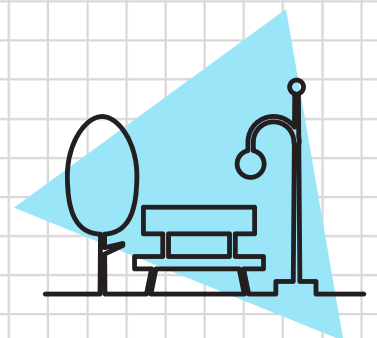
If you could create a secret garden somewhere in your neighborhood, where would you create it? What would it look like? What is growing there? Who do you invite inside to see it and help care for it?



DURING PANDEMIC TIMES

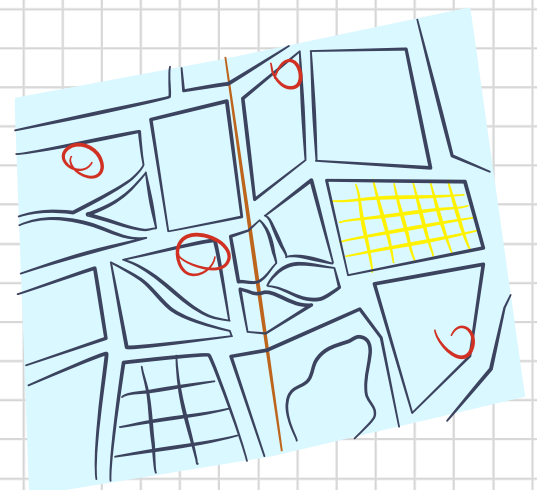
What is different in your neighborhood or city during the pandemic? In the streets? On the sidewalks? How do people interact?

Are there spaces that closed? New spaces that opened? Write about what you've observed, how you feel about it, what you want to see in the future.



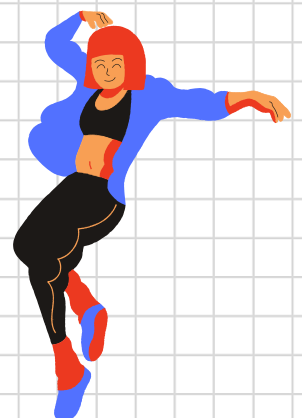
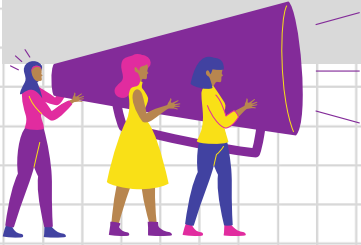
TAKE OVER! CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN

You and your friends are allowed to take over a part of your town - any part, for a year. What area do you choose? What will you do with it? How will you use it? Do you change or build anything there? Tell the story of this take over adventure.



TAKE OVER! CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN

Women take over the city! What are they going to change? What activities do they organize throughout the city? What are the street names? What monuments and public art is there?





ANIMALS IN THE CITY

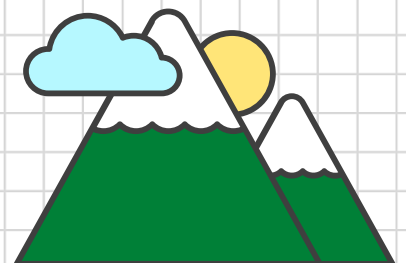
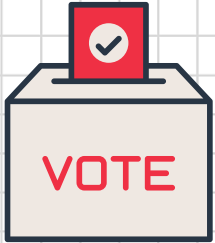
What kinds of animals do you notice in your city? Where do they live? Have they adjusted to life in the city? Do you notice anything that is designed with respect to the animals? Write a story about a city where people and animals co-exist.



WHO WILL BE MAYOR

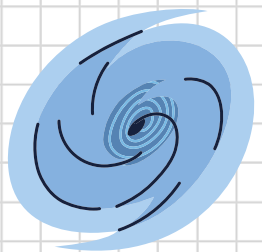


The gods and goddesses of Mt. Olympus are running for mayor! What are their campaigns like? What do they promise people in the town/city? Who would you vote for?



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It's an earthquake...or alien invasion! Are you and your family prepared for an emergency? What is your plan to meet up? What's in your 'Go Bag'? What are the safe places in your neighborhood?

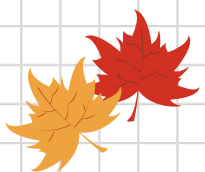
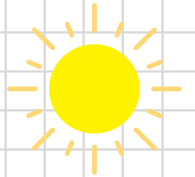
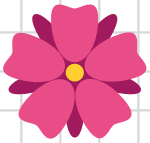


CLIMATE

Think of other cities and places that you have visited. What was the climate like?

How were the buildings, the parks, the streets designed to respond to the climate?

How does this differ with your current neighborhood and what specific differences do you notice at home due to the climate?



GREEN SPACES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

'A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit.' What do you think this Greek proverb means? What are some ways you can 'plant trees under which you will never sit' in your neighborhood?

