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“Summer,” by Lily Meyer, 15, Montpelier

44 Contrast: Describe or photograph two contrasting things. What makes them so different? Are there any similarities? *Due Nov. 5*

45 Potions: If you could make a potion, what would its purpose be, and what would it be made from? Who or what would you use it on? *Due Nov. 5*

46 Animals: If you could be any animal, which one would you choose? How would you spend your days? *Due Nov. 12*

47 Tradition: In his poem “Tradition,” Wallace Stevens writes, “A poem about tradition could easily be / A windy thing” What is tradition to you? Try your hand at writing a poem about this. *Due Nov. 12*

48 Traveling: If you were to travel anywhere right now, where would you go? How would you get there? *Due Nov. 12*

49 Sentence Completing No. 8: “‘You need to slow down,’ I say, trying to decipher what it is that my friend ____ is saying” *Due Nov. 12*

50 Music: What’s your favorite kind of music? What about it draws you in? Describe it, or draw how you feel when you hear it. *Due Nov. 12*

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51 Fingerpaint: Who says you’re too old for fingerpainting? Alternatively, work with crayons, markers, glitter, or any other medium meant only for “kids.” *Due Nov. 12*

52 Collections: Do you collect anything? If so, why? How many do you have? What do they look like? *Due Nov. 19*

53 Sentence Completing No. 9: “I walked away from that house as fast as I could, my heart racing” *Due Nov. 19*

54 Garden: Imagine you are in a beautiful garden. What does it look like? What plants are there? Are there any animals? *Due Nov. 19*

55 Short Story No. 1: Write about a young child who has been separated from their parents. How did this happen? How can this be resolved? *Due Nov. 19*



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FALL WRITING AND ART CHALLENGES, PART II.

These challenges are designed by Young Writers Project (YWP) to inspire youth to write and create visual art for publication each month in this newspaper, and in YWP’s digital magazine and annual anthology. YWP is an online creative community based in Burlington since 2006. To respond to these challenges, please join the YWP community at youngwritersproject.org.

56 Short Story No. 2: Write a story about two bugs – or two animals of any kind – who meet by chance and fall in love. How do they meet? What attracts them to each other? *Due Nov. 19*

57 Hope: Emily Dickinson famously wrote, “Hope is the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul, / And sings the tune without the words, / And never stops at all.” What is hope to you? *Due Nov. 26*

58 Eye: Write from the perspective of an eye – maybe you are trapped in a jar, or are the glass eye in someone’s head. *Due Nov. 26*

59 Short Story No. 3: Write from the perspective of a forgotten doll. What is the story arc going to be? *Due Nov. 26*

60 Proud: Think of a time you felt proud, of yourself or another person. What was it like? Why were you proud? *Due Nov. 26*

61 Veggies: What is a vegetable you really don’t like – or one you love? Write an ode to the veggie. *Due Nov. 26*

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62 Mural: Your parents have just given you carte blanche to paint a mural in your bedroom – anything goes. Give us the mock-up. *Due Nov. 26*

63 Formatting: Free write about whatever is on your mind, but play with the line formatting. Maybe a certain line needs an extra indent, or there needs to be a new stanza over there... *Due Dec. 3*

64 First Initial: Use your first initial to write a poem full of alliteration. *Due Dec. 3*

65 Sentence Completing No. 10: “I rolled over in my bed, finding myself tangled up in bedsheets” *Due Dec. 3*

66 Plants: Do you care for any plants? What kinds? Write about them, photograph them, paint them, etc.! *Due Dec. 3*

67 Short Story No. 4: Write your own fairytale! *Due Dec. 3*

68 Embarrassed: When was a time you were embarrassed? What happened, and was there a resolution? *Due Dec. 10*

69 Boredom: What makes you bored? What do you do to cure it? *Due Dec. 10*

70 Superhero: If you were a superhero, what superpower would you want? How would you use it to help people? *Due Dec. 10*

71 Short Story No. 5: Write a story about time traveling. What would happen if you were suddenly sent back in time for seemingly no reason? *Due Dec. 10*

72 Short Story No. 6: Write about someone who is the Ruler of the Universe. What is their daily life like? Are they any good at ruling? *Due Dec. 10*

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73 Sticker: Draw an elevated stick-figure version of your biological or chosen family as a cartoon bumper sticker. *Due Dec. 10 [Art by Claire Chutter-Cressy and Finle Weeks]*

74 Sentence Completing No. 11: “When I opened my eyes, I saw that my body was no longer mine, but” *Due Dec. 17*

75 Clouds: What would it be like to live among the clouds, or better yet, to be a cloud? *Due Dec. 17*

76 Short Story No. 7: Write about someone who is the complete opposite of you in every way, letting their traits inspire the conflict of the story. *Due Dec. 17*

77 Reality TV: Create your own reality TV show. What is its purpose? Who’s on the show? *Due Dec. 17*

78 Decade: If you could go back in time to any decade, which one would you choose? Why? *Due Dec. 17*

79 Book Cover: Design your own book cover. This could be a collage, painting, drawing, anything! *Due Dec. 24*

80 Saints: Create your own saint. What are they the saint of? What miracle gave them their sainthood? *Due Dec. 24*

81 Sentence Completing No. 12: “The air was cold and the wind blew harshly as we walked along the” *Due Dec. 24*

82 Winter: How do you feel about winter? Be honest! *Due Dec. 24*

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83 Art Critic: Write an appreciation of a piece of art that you admire. Explain why and how this piece affects you. *Due Dec. 24*

84 Short Story No. 8: Write about someone who comes home for the holidays, only to rediscover the magic in their family home that they believed in as a child. *Due Dec. 31*

85 Cozy: What makes you feel all warm and cozied-up? *Due Dec. 31*

86 Ode to Food: Write an ode to your favorite foods. What makes them so delicious? Who prepares them? *Due Dec. 31*

87 Excitement: What’s something you’re excited for this week? *Due Dec. 31*

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