

## TAKS Writing

Prompt: Write an essay about the conflicts that could arise from time travel to the past.

Remember- you should

- Write about the assigned topic
- Make your writing thoughtful and interesting
- Make sure that each sentence you write contributes to your composition as a whole
- Make sure that your ideas are clear and easy to follow
- Write about your ideas in depth so that the reader is able to develop a good understanding of what you are saying
- Proofread your writing to correct errors in spelling, capitalization punctuation, grammar and sentence structure

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### Helpful Hints for Personal Narrative

- Review and think about the conflicts in the short story “The Sound of Thunder” and the movie Frequency.
- Select a moment in time to visit. This could be a personal moment in your life or a historical one.
- Consider what it would be like to watch that moment unfold in front of your eyes. Why would you want to change the moment?
- Describe that moment from first person perspective (“I” see)
- Include the emotions and senses you experience as you watch the scene.
- Describe how you change that moment. What happens differently in the subsequent moments?
- Come back to the present time. Has anything changed? Is it for the better? What problems have arisen? How do you deal with these problems?
- Draw a conclusion from the experience

You may use the following sample to get started on your paper.

“Time travel” is the ultimate exploration sought by scientists. Even greater than a rocket into space would be the ability to go back in time to an exact moment, to watch the action first hand, to experience the emotion, maybe to even change the outcome. What has only a dream been before is now possible. Professor Jones has perfected the time machine and I have chosen to take a ride.

I am going back... way back ... back in time to (explain where you are going and what you plan to do).

As I awaken from a foggy, dreamlike sleep I begin to see....

(Explain what you see, what is happening. Explain in detail your actions to change the moment. What immediate reactions occur? Are you successful in your attempt to change the past?)

I’m back now...back to where I began. Everything sees to be the same and yet there is something different, “a chemical taunt so subtle, so slight, that only a faint cry of my subliminal sense warn me it is there... and there is a feel” (Explain what has happened because of the change you created in the past)

## Time Travel: Prewriting Activities

What are some possible historical events that you could visit?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

What are some personal experiences you could visit?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Select a few of the above for the chart.

### Events

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### Changes to be made

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### Possible outcomes
