

*“Seven minutes. Just **seven minutes**. It’s like sports: A chalk talk may be helpful, but the scrimmages are when the skills fall into place.”*

*~ Geof Hewitt, poet*

Read Hewitt’s “Writing in Seven Minutes” at [vermontwrites.ywpschools.net](http://vermontwrites.ywpschools.net)



## **Vermont Writes Day:** FEBRUARY 9, 2010

### **Take time out to do some writing**

Young Writers Project is encouraging schools to stop and write for seven minutes. Get **everyone** to write: Students, teachers, administrators, staff and guests. Post best work on walls, in the lunch room, in newsletters, on blogs or on YWP sites: [youngwritersproject.org](http://youngwritersproject.org) or your YWP Digital Classroom or a special site (no login required): [vermontwrites.ywpschools.net](http://vermontwrites.ywpschools.net). Feel free to submit best work to [youngwritersproject.org](http://youngwritersproject.org) for potential publication!

Last year more than **50 schools** and **20,000 students** participated in the first Vermont Writes Day. Join the writing force!

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### **Suggested prompts**

Choose one of three suggested prompts to stimulate a poem, story or essay:

- **Afghanistan.** Write about what comes to mind when you hear that word. Or,
- **Purple.** Put this phrase in a story, poem or essay: "I've never seen such a beautiful shade of purple ..." Or,
- **“I was so suprised when I opened the door and saw...”**  
Include that line in a story. perhaps as an opening line.

Or pick your own idea. Just write. For seven minutes.

*Young Writers Project is an independent non-profit that helps engage students to write. YWP publishes best student work each week in six daily newspapers and several weeklies; runs [youngwritersproject.org](http://youngwritersproject.org), a civil community of young writers; trains teachers in digital writing through its full-featured Digital Writing Classrooms for schools (for more: [ywpschools.net](http://ywpschools.net)); and provides teacher resources at [digitalteachers.net](http://digitalteachers.net).*

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