

Writing Questions

- These questions come from the book *The Question*, by Leigh Bortins. I highly recommend buying the book.

Definition – Define the goals in writing this paper.

- 1) Is it creative or factual?
- 2) How long does it need to be?
- 3) Define the topic.

Comparison – Compare the work of other excellent writers.

- 1) Pay attention to how the author writes their favorite novel.
- 2) Copy favorite sentences.
- 3) Compare different genres.

Relationship – Arranging their thoughts in a logical order.

- 1) How to tie thoughts together.
- 2) How to contrast ideas.
- 3) How to connect each paragraph.
- 4) Write outlines out in complete sentences if your child struggles.

Circumstance – Identify the audience and circumstances surrounding the assignment.

- 1) Purpose – inform, entertain, persuade.

Testimony – Amount of research needed.

- 1) Test ideas against other writers and thinkers.