What Shall We Write About?

Grade Level & Subject Area: Language Arts/ 5th Grade

Arkansas Framework:
W.5.5.1
Write to describe, to inform, to entertain, to explain, and to persuade
W.6.5.1
Use a variety of simple and compound sentences of varied lengths
W.6.5.10
Apply conventional rules of capitalization in writing

Objective:
The students will be able to write a 1-2 page paper on the subject they are given. The paper will use a simple and compound sentences and follow capitalization rules.

Materials:
Smart board
Smart board activity-Random Writing Prompts
Pen
Paper

Procedure:
The lesson will begin by the students writing in their daily journals. In their journals, they are allowed to write about whatever they would like to. After 5 minutes, the students will put up their journals, and I will start discussing writing. We will review in writing, using simple and compound sentences, and writing from a random prompt. I will use the Smart board activity to have the students practice writing about different subjects. At the end of the activity, the students will roll the dice to get the subject on what they will write about. The dice will contain subjects from the local weather, class policies, or how they feel about the lesson. The students will then be prompted to write about their particular subject. The paper will be their own opinions, need to be 1-2 pages, and have only 1-2 grammar errors.
Assessment:
The students will be assessed on their paper. The students only are graded on the content by how well it relates to the subject. The students will be graded on length, use of sentences, and grammar errors.

A Brief Description of the Entire Lesson:
The lesson will consist of the students learning about sentences, capitalization, and how to write on a prompt without prior knowledge.

How I would change the activity:
I would not really change the activity at all. I would make sure the dice contained subjects that the students could relate on.