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Journal and Creative Writing Ideas

Here are some ideas you may wish to use in your journals or for other creative writing activities. You may be asked to write on your own, to work in pairs or small groups, or to complete a writing activity as a whole class.

- Write about the worst day you ever had. Have any of the things that happened to Alexander ever happened to you?
- Write about the best day you ever had. What things happened? Where were you? Who else was there?
- Alexander hated the lima beans his family had for dinner. What is your favorite dinner? Write a menu for a great dinner for Alexander, listing all your favorite foods. Don't forget to illustrate your menu.
- Alexander wanted to go to Australia to get away from his problems. Where do you go to get away from your problems? Write about a place that is special for you. Where would you like to go if you could go anywhere in the world? Why would you like to go there?
- Alexander didn't want to move away from his friends and his neighborhood in the book *Alexander, Who's Not (Do you hear me? I mean it!) Going to Move*. Tell about the people and places you would miss most if you had to move, or tell about a time when you already moved.
- Pretend Alexander meets Ronald Morgan from the book *Today Was a Terrible Day*. Do you think they would be friends? What would they say to each other? What would they do together?
- Pretend you are Alexander. Write a letter to your friend Paul, telling him how you feel about his not wanting to be your best friend anymore. What could you say to convince him to be your best friend again?
- In all of Judith Viorst's Alexander books, Alexander has some problems with his brothers. What advice can you give Alexander to help him get his brothers to stop teasing him?
- Poor Alexander had a really bad day. Can you make tomorrow a better day for him? Write a story about Alexander's wonderful day. You can use the story map to help you get started.

Get the Scoop!

Help Alexander have a better day by making him an eight-decker ice-cream cone. First, color the scoops to make some delicious ice-cream flavors. Then, cut and paste the scoops onto the cone to show the events of the story in order from top to bottom. Don't let the ice cream fall off the cone!

