

# CJH C.O.W. – “A Celebration Of Work”

*Stuck for something to write about? Here is a list of 40 possible topics for inclusion in your C.O.W. There is something here for everyone!*

## \_\_\_ 1. FAVORITE CLASS

What class was your favorite? Did you like it because of the subject? The teacher? The kids in the class with you?

## \_\_\_ 2. FAVORITE TEACHER

Who was your favorite teacher and why was this person your favorite? Did you have more than one favorite teacher—that’s OK! Talk about all of the ones you liked.

## \_\_\_ 3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(like sports, music, school plays, clubs, class officers, etc.) What did you do outside of class that was still related to school in some way?

## \_\_\_ 4. BEST NEW FRIENDS

Who are the best new friends you made over the past year of school?

## \_\_\_ 5. BEST OLD FRIENDS

Who are your best old friends who’ve been with you over the years?

## \_\_\_ 6. FRIENDS WHO MOVED AWAY

Any good friends of yours leave this school?



## \_\_\_ 7. FAVORITE CLASS ASSIGNMENT

What is the best assignment you received this year in any of your classes? Which one was the most meaningful to you? Got more than one? Talk about them all!

## \_\_\_ 8. THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I LEARNED

What is the most important thing you learned in or out of school this year. Maybe it was in class, maybe it was during sports, maybe it was at home with your family. What did you learn this year that really mattered to you?

## \_\_\_ 9. REGRETS OR APOLOGIES

Is there anything you did this year that you regret or feel you must apologize for doing?

## \_\_\_ 10. PRIZES AND HONORS

What prizes and honors did you win this year?

## \_\_\_ 11. SOMETHING I LEARNED TO LIKE

Did you learn to like something this year? It could be anything from essay assignments in English class to mile runs in PE to the taste of broccoli. What did you learn to like this year?

## \_\_\_ 12. FUNNIEST MOMENTS OR MEMORIES

What are the funniest things that happened in (or out of) class this year?

## \_\_\_ 13. MOST MEMORABLE THING ANYONE SAID TO ME

What is the most important, memorable thing anyone said to you this year?

## \_\_\_ 14. A LETTER TO YOUR PARENTS

Write a note to your parents explaining what you need from them to help you do better in school or in life.

## \_\_\_ 15. A LETTER TO YOUR FUTURE SELF.

Write a note to yourself in the future. Give yourself a pep talk. Remind yourself, as a graduating senior from high school, about what is important in life. Warn yourself about things you fear might go wrong. Tell yourself what you expect to be doing or be like as you graduate from high school.

\_\_\_ **16. AN ACROSTIC POEM**

Write an original poem in the acrostic format on something relating to you.

\_\_\_ **17. AN ANECDOTE**

An amusing or serious true story about yourself

\_\_\_ **18. A QUOTE**

A famous saying or quote that means a lot to you. Use it as the basis for a short written piece.

\_\_\_ **19. A BABY PICTURE**

A picture of you as a baby with a story that goes with it.

\_\_\_ **20. A FAMILY HISTORY STORY**

Talk about yourself, a family member, or your family in general.

\_\_\_ **21. A CURRENT EVENTS PAGE**

What was important and in the news (outside of school) during this school year?

\_\_\_ **22. IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE**

Who are the people who most influence you or help you get through life?

\_\_\_ **23. AUTOGRAPHS**

A page of autographs and notes from friends. Pictures would be great here, too!

\_\_\_ **24. HOBBIES/TALENTS**

What can you do? What do you like to do? What do you *wish* you could do?

\_\_\_ **25. DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE**

Where do you see yourself in 4 years? In 8 years? In 20 years?

\_\_\_ **26. PHOBIAS/FEARS**

What scares you?

\_\_\_ **27. A FAVORITE PUBLISHED POEM**

Got a favorite poem by a published author? Put it here and comment on why you like it.

\_\_\_ **28. HEROES**

Who are the people you admire?

\_\_\_ **29. A RANT –WHAT REALLY BUGS YOU?**

Unload on the things that really get under your skin and make you mad!

\_\_\_ **30. MOVIES/TV**

Current favorites, all-time favorites... whatever fits.

\_\_\_ **31. VACATIONS/TRIPS**

Great places you've been. (or places you've been that *weren't* so great)

\_\_\_ **32. THINGS YOU CAN'T LIVE**

**WITHOUT** The stuff you really, *really* like. The things (not people) that make your life more comfortable.

\_\_\_ **33. FOOD/RECIPES**

What do you love to eat? To make?

\_\_\_ **34. HUMOR –WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?**

What do you think is really funny? Anything? *Anybody?*

\_\_\_ **35. PETS/ANIMALS**

You ever had a pet or any animals? So, how did that work out?

\_\_\_ **36. ODD CHILDHOOD BELIEFS**

Lots of us believed in Santa or the Easter Bunny. Did you ever have any really unusual beliefs or misconceptions when you were little?

\_\_\_ **37. A CROSSWORD PUZZLE ABOUT YOU**

Create a crossword puzzle with 10 words that relate to you! Write clues and a puzzle chart. Then provide appropriate illustrations. (*Cool idea, huh?*)

\_\_\_ **38. A LOCK OF HAIR OR FINGERPRINTS**

Include a lock of hair or fingerprints on a page as an illustration. Tell a story about the person from whom it came. It could be your own or a friend's. It could even be from a pet!

\_\_\_ **39. A COLLAGE OF YOUR LIFE**

An artistic collage of photographs, illustrations, and just stuff that exemplifies and illustrates your life and who you are. (*This would make a pretty good cover, don't you think?*)

\_\_\_ **40. THE BUS RIDE**

What was it like riding a bus to and from school? Did you like your bus driver? Anything happen that was dramatic, funny, or interesting?

