

Nature Quotes for Charlotte Mason Copywork

These copywork pages, including creative writing prompts are power-packed if you progress their application using these three methods ~

1. Copywork 2. Transcription 3. Dictation

Gently moving from one stage to the next as the child is ready, you will very naturally teach beautiful handwriting, develop grammar and spelling, increase vocabulary, and seamlessly impart good writing style.

Copywork (Grades 1-2) is simply copying a passage with many excellent benefits ~

- ❖ Once a child has learnt to write each letter using my [laminated handwriting charts](#), beginners begin to copy each sentence, done slowly and gently, with an emphasis on quality not quantity.
- ❖ Careful copywork gives a child the opportunity to practice beautiful **handwriting** in context.
- ❖ Copywork reinforces the **habits** of **observation**, **best effort**, and **attention**.
- ❖ Lessons are kept **short** (5–10 minutes) and the goal is beautiful work.

Copywork leads to **Transcription**. (Grades 2-3) copying from memory ~

- ❖ Once the student has mastered the mechanics of handwriting, he can start concentrating on the spelling of the passages he is copying.
- ❖ At this stage he **looks at/ studies** the word in the passage, then **writes it from memory**, and **double checking his spelling** right away.
- ❖ Rather than copying letter for letter, he begins to write whole words from memory, working his way through the passage.

Dictation (Grades 4–12) is an advanced skill of writing out the **prepared** passage as the parent or teacher **dictates** it to him. Focus is on **spelling** ~

- ❖ The child studies the passage ahead of time making sure he knows how to **spell** every word in it, taking note of the **punctuation and capitalization**.
- ❖ Parents dictate the passage **phrase by phrase**.
- ❖ Dictation cultivates the habit of looking at how words are spelled, reinforces correct punctuation and capitalization; **sharpens listening comprehension**; increases vocabulary through context; reinforces **correct sentence structure**; reinforces the **habits of observation and attention**.

I love Charlotte Mason's simple, yet highly effective approach!

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Describe what daily bread is like ...

Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee.
- Bible

What did the earth teach you on your nature walk?

Nature thrives on patience; man on impatience.

- Paul Boese

How is nature patient?

Nobody sees a flower - really - it is so small it takes time - we haven't time - and to see takes time, like to have a friend takes time.

- [Georgia O'Keeffe](#)

Please describe a flower in detail ~...

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

- [Bible](#)

How does this Bible verse encourage you?

Deep in their roots, all flowers keep the light.

- Theodore Roethke

How do you see flowers?

Flowers always make people better,
happier, and more helpful; they are
sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul.

- [Luther Burbank](#)

What flowers would you give to your mom
and why would she like those flowers?

The bluebird carries the sky on his back.
- Henry David Thoreau

Describe a bird flying in the sky

Man is a complex being: he makes deserts bloom and lakes die.

- Gil Stern

Describe how man can make desert grows and / or how a lake dies ...

Rivers and rocks and trees have always been talking to us, but we've forgotten how to listen.

- Michael Roads

Describe all the things that rivers, rocks or trees are telling you ...

Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee.
- Bible

How did God speak to the earth? How
can you speak to the earth?

Thank God ever morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not.

- [Charles Kingsley](#)

Write a short prayer of thanks to God for what you have today:

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

How does one acorn become a thousand forests?

Earth laughs in flowers.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Describe how flowers make you laugh ...

All gardeners live in beautiful places
because they make them so.

- Joseph Joubert

Describe your idea of a beautiful garden ...

Nature, like a kind and smiling mother,
lends herself to our dreams and cherishes
our fancies.

- [Victor Hugo](#)

How has your mother cherished your
dreams?

After rain comes fair weather.

- James Howell

Describe fair weather after a rainstorm ...

My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow
in the sky.

- [William Wordsworth](#)

Describe what you feel when you see a
rainbow ...

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

- [Robin Williams](#)

Which words would you use to describe what spring says?

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed it is the purest of human pleasures.

- [Francis Bacon](#)

Describe the Garden of Eden as you imagine it ...

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.

- [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

Describe the beauty of any “weed” that grows in your garden:

