

Where to start...

Listed below are several prompts that you can use to inspire your creative writing, however; you should feel free to write about something outside of the prompts as well.

1. It is your 18th birthday and your parents tell you that you are not really human. they admit to you that you are actually (_____) write about your reaction and what you choose to be.
2. Write a story from the perspective of an animal, plant, or any object other than a person and describe what an average day would be like for them.
3. Write a story from the perspective of a villain trying to accomplish a task that he or she believes is right but that the reader knows is evil.
4. Write about a society run by talking animals where humans are kept as pets, you can write it either from the perspective of an animal or a human pet; however, humans are not able to speak to their owners.
5. Keep your feet off the table! Don't walk on the grass! Be nice to your sister! Rules are everywhere. There are rules in sports. Rules in households. Even unspoken rules in society. Sometimes you're glad they're obeyed, but sometimes you wish people would break them. Write a story where somebody breaks a rule. Maybe they use the wrong fork at a fancy dinner. Or maybe they cheat on a test at school. Either way, make sure the rule that they are breaking is clearly stated!
6. Create your own prompt and then write about it! It can be anything that you feel inspired by or something that sparks your creativity, just include a brief description of what you decided to write about.

The Writing Community

National Novel Writing Month website:

The NaNoWriMo website is a good place to start coming up with ideas to write. Find out how other writers got started with their writing to spark your inspiration. Sign up to become a part of NaNoWriMo and find out how your writing can be published!

<http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/>

Creativity Boosters

Be-a-better-writer:

Need to bring out your inner creativity? This website can help bring out your creative side. This website can also help you to become a better writer with helpful tips on how to improve your writing.

<http://www.be-a-better-writer.com/>

Author websites:

You might be surprised to find writing suggestions from your favorite authors on their websites. Here are a few:

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/>

<http://gailcarsonlevine.blogspot.com/>

Writing Stylebook:

Need new ways to think about your story and format your writing? This booklet can give you several new things to think about when creating your characters and can provide useful information on different ways you can write that you may not have thought of before.

http://www.hcpss.org/f/newlanguages/docs/stylebook_middleschool.pdf

Grammar Help!

Need help with correcting your grammar mistakes? Here are some automatic word processors that can help with the correction process.

Grammarly:

<http://www.grammarly.com/>

Paperrater:

<http://www.paperrater.com/>

Getting Published!

Want to have your writing published? Here are some helpful websites to get your writing out!

<http://www.stonesoup.com/>

<http://www.skippingstones.org/submissions.htm>

<http://826valencia.org/our-programs/publishing/>

Explore your Library!

Don't forget the library has plenty of books that can not only provide inspiration for you but can also help you during the writing process. Great ideas can come from something that we've seen, read, or imagined so explore other authors and see how they write their own stories.