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Writing Prompts

Here you'll find some writing prompts to experiment with!

- Imagine you are lost in a forest. At night. In despair, you sit down. Describe the atmosphere.
- Write a short passage that begins: There was an insistent rapping at the window. Who could it be?
- Share your first memories of riding a bicycle.
- Write a short poem about fading light.
- A beginning for a prose piece: The fisherman looked at me and laughed. I had made a mistake.
- You are sitting at a café table in Paris. Describe the scene.
- "I emerged from the building on a kind of baffled autopilot."
- "A **rose** is a woody perennial of the genus **Rosa**. There are over 100 species. They form a group of plants that can be erect shrubs, climbing or trailing with stems that are often armed with sharp prickles. Flowers vary in size and shape and are usually large and showy, in colours ranging from white through yellows and reds." (From *Wikipedia*)
- Hello!
- A press photographer is finally alone in her hotel room. It has been a very long day. Write the email she sends to a loved one to describe her last 24 hours.
- "There is no strife, no prejudice, no national conflict in outer space as yet. Its hazards are hostile to us all. Its conquest deserves the best of all mankind, and its opportunity for peaceful cooperation may never come again." (John F Kennedy)
- After a long walk in remote countryside it starts to rain heavily. You take refuge in an old hut with a corrugated iron roof.
- "There is a crack, a crack in everything – that's how the light gets in." (Leonard Cohen 'Anthem')
- Write an acrostic poem, using the letters of the word **Flamenco**.
- The outer shell of the submarine began to creak, then to groan. There was a febrile roaming in the Captain's eyes.
- Imagine you are writing a novel that begins with a prologue in the form of a letter from an aged professor to her brother, abroad. Draft the letter.
- Write a love poem, where the object of your affection is described through comparison with an island.
- Write a short Science Fiction piece that begins: By day three, the space tarantulas were arriving to earth in the thousands.
- Script a conversation over dinner between two sisters.
- Write some song lyrics with the title 'Blue River'.
- "Now that you have purchased your new Singer, we do not want you to feel that your relations with us have come to an end. You are cordially invited to visit your Singer Shop at any time for assistance in your sewing problems. You will be most welcome." (*Instructions for Using Singer Electric Sewing Machine 15-91, 1930s*)