

Special Report

365 Writing Prompts

For Articles, Short Stories and More

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Introduction

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Article Prompts

1. The truth about global warming.
2. How does global warming affect you?
3. The state of education today.
4. Myths about global warming.
5. The importance of home education.
6. I am a lifelong learner.
7. All natural cleaning.
8. A new way to garden.
9. Composting do's and don'ts.
10. Dumpster riches.
11. Freegan lifestyle.
12. The raw food diet plan.
13. Diet myths.
14. Fitness myths.
15. Getting back to nature.
16. All natural alternatives to common medications.
17. The truth about immunizations, and why we can live without them.
18. Fish oil for ADHD and other childhood disorders.
19. Helping your child succeed.
20. Paparazzi: Give the stars a break!

21. The benefits of all natural eating.
22. The benefits of organic eating.
23. Wonderful farmer's markets.
24. Mega yard sale guide.
25. How to care for common household plants.
26. Writing for children.
27. Writing for teens.
28. Mega guide to good writing practices.
29. How to write a mystery novel.
30. The real vampire.
31. The real werewolf.
32. How to brainstorm.
33. The online writer's marketing guide.
34. 10 little known ways to market your book online.
35. How to write a best selling romance novel.
36. Poetry forms.
37. Basic candle making.
38. Basic soap making.
39. How to make your own shampoo.
40. Crafts from nature.
41. Herbal alternatives to common medications.
42. What is a novella?
43. What is a novelette?

44. Getting out of debt, and staying out.
45. Great options for self publishing.
46. Creating a blog empire.
47. The myths about get rich quick scams.
48. Photography and writing.
49. The mega guide to starting your own photography business.
50. Why you should lose weight.
51. Why is life so hard.
52. Good times, bad times.
53. What makes plastic a bad choice.
54. Cool cats.
55. Playful pups.
56. Living a low-income lifestyle, when you don't have to.
57. Lessons in proper grammar.
58. Magazine writing.
59. Create you own online magazine.
60. How to write a short story.

Novel/Novella/Novelette Prompts

61. A werewolf series.
62. A witch series.
63. In the dark, dark woods.

64. Oh, no! Not again.
65. Oh, what a night!
66. The seventh daughter.
67. An evil toddler series.
68. The doll, the book, and the mirror.
69. How will I carry on?
70. High school serial murders.
71. The church.
72. Prison stories.
73. California gold.
74. My boyfriend, the rock star.
75. I wanted you.
76. You were wrong.
77. Last Halloween.
78. The haunted woods.
79. A family of my own.
80. The adventures of the hoodlum gang.
81. My life as a rock star.
82. Trick or treat.
83. Dogs on the loose!
84. Experimental goings on.
85. Suffer the man.
86. Women of wealth.

87. Caved in.
88. Save them.
89. The looking glass.
90. Heaven is here.
91. They will be back.
92. Come play with me.
93. The haunted tale.
94. Six to go.
95. Forever yours.
96. Forever mine.
97. Sitting here with you.
98. My life...is not my life.
99. Alone in the woods.
100. Where to go from here.
101. Why is life so cruel?
102. My date with a serial killer.
103. Troubled teens.
104. A series based on communal living.
105. Happily apart.
106. Setting: A coastal community.
107. Setting: A wooded community.
108. Plot: Earth invades another planet.
109. Frankie: A modern day monster

- 110. Back in the day.
- 111. I want out.
- 112. She is not my daughter.
- 113. The unexpected.
- 114. The stories are true.
- 115. Why won't you be mine?
- 116. No more war!
- 117. No where.
- 118. Living without sun.
- 119. Space camp adventures.
- 120. Living in space.

Short Story Prompts

- 121. Dinner at Steve's.
- 122. Happy Samhain!
- 123. Yule traditions.
- 124. Christmas joys.
- 125. Theatre of malice.
- 126. Come go with me.
- 127. Evil cats from hell.
- 128. Attack of the bats.
- 129. The students must die!
- 130. Church isn't what you think.
- 131. Teenagers turn against their parents.

132. In the land of no work.
133. How to date.
134. Summer nights.
135. Roadside café.
136. Cruise ship: people go missing. Why?
137. Honeymoon in Bermuda.
138. Plane, Bermuda Triangle, three families stranded.
139. Sweet 16 party gone bad.
140. The evil step-daughter.
141. The adventures of an elf/gnome/faery.
142. Midnight happenings.
143. Whatever happened to Julie?
144. The lake house murders.
145. New age faery tales.
146. Vampyre children.
147. Killer rats.
148. Rock star love.
149. Actors and actresses.
150. Horror at the zoo.
151. Love is blind.
152. Candle magic.
153. Seven children, one parent, and a mystery to solve.
154. Three men, two orphans, and the struggles of life.

155. A severed hand, an empty house, and a group of children.
156. One man, one woman, and a dangerous situation.
157. Three men, three women, and the cruise of a lifetime.
158. A house, no electricity and a runaway.
159. Wrong number.
160. The tenth daughter of the tenth daughter.
161. The family down the street.
162. What's wrong with Jamie and Joe?
163. Cannot wait.
164. Known danger.
165. Unknown danger.
166. The gay rights riots.
167. She lived alone.
168. He wouldn't leave her alone.
169. Teen love.
170. What went wrong?
171. The dog days of summer.
172. The candy striper from hell.
173. I am allergic to you!
174. Happy haven in the woods.
175. Several men, one elderly lady, and a ranch.
176. 80's escapades.
177. The talking cat.

- 178. How should I know?
- 179. What if....
- 180. Why should...

Poem Prompts

- 181. One
- 182. Sun
- 183. Beauty of you.
- 184. Diamonds
- 185. Moonlight in Maine.
- 186. Summer journey.
- 187. Winter's end.
- 188. Spring's awakening.
- 189. Autumn nights.
- 190. Waterfall.
- 191. A bird's song.
- 192. Daughter dear.
- 193. My love.
- 194. Our love.
- 195. Not yet.
- 196. When?
- 197. A song in my heart.
- 198. A love so pure.
- 199. A love true.

- 200. Heart and home.
- 201. Wind and trees.
- 202. Whither.
- 203. Twinkle.
- 204. Sparkle.
- 205. One way.
- 206. Him.
- 207. Her.
- 208. Over.
- 209. True beauty.
- 210. The beauty within.
- 211. Candlelight.
- 212. Flowers and love.
- 213. Father and son.
- 214. Mother and daughter.
- 215. Passing on.
- 216. No more pain.
- 217. No more suffering.
- 218. Love's light.
- 219. Passion.
- 220. Pure and true.
- 221. Mother Nature.
- 222. Father Time.

- 223. What I see.
- 224. Sight.
- 225. Hear the sounds.
- 226. Love's life.
- 227. Love and death.
- 228. Carry on.
- 229. Freedom
- 230. Choices
- 231. Priceless
- 232. Mother
- 233. Father
- 234. Daughter
- 235. Son
- 236. Children of the night.
- 237. Children of the day.
- 238. Natural Beauty.
- 239. Life
- 240. Family

Journaling Prompts

- 241. Journal about your favorite childhood memory.
- 242. Journal about you family's holiday traditions while you were growing up.
- 243. Describe the traditions that you want to celebrate with your children.
- 244. Describe your dream career.

245. Journal about the lifestyle you want to live.
246. Describe your core beliefs.
247. Describe your eating habits.
248. What bad habits do you have? What can you do to get rid of them?
249. Write about the day your child was born.
250. Write about your wedding day.
251. Journal about what makes you happy.
252. Journal about what upsets you.
253. Journal about the sunrise.
254. Journal about the sunset.
255. Describe how you are feeling about your life right now.
256. Describe a person you know.
257. What would you rather be doing?
258. Are you troubled?
259. Describe your religious beliefs.
260. Describe your educational beliefs.
261. Describe your familial beliefs.
262. Describe your child-rearing beliefs.
263. What was school like for you?
264. Describe your honeymoon.
265. What values do you hold dear.
266. Who would you like to meet? Why?
267. What are your beliefs about death.

268. Describe something good that has happened to you.
269. Describe something bad that has happened to you.
270. Describe something that you heard on the news or read in a newspaper.
271. What are your thoughts about global warming.
272. What are your thoughts about environmental issues that you have heard about.
273. Who are you?
274. Do you have the life you want? Why or why not?
275. Describe a childhood event.
276. Write about something that is bothering you, and how that something may be changed.
277. Describe the season that you are in.
278. Describe your family life.
279. What is your greatest desire?
280. How do you feel about your body? Your weight?
281. Write about a recent dream.
282. What are your favorite hobbies?
283. What would you do with \$100,000?
284. What would you do with \$1,000,000?
285. How can you make a change?
286. Are you happy?
287. Describe your child.
288. Describe your husband or wife. What do you like best about him/her.
289. Describe your relationships.
290. Were you close to your parents? Why or why not?

291. Were you close to your siblings? Why or why not?
292. If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Why?
293. Describe an adventure that you have had.
294. Describe your graduation. What happened? What emotions did you feel?
295. Why do you love your life?
296. Why do you hate your life?
297. Can people really change? Why or why not?
298. Describe the changes that you would like to make in your life.
299. Describe your relationships with your grandparents.
300. Describe the relationships that you had with your great-grandparents.

Travel Writing Ideas

301. Write a series about coastal life in your area.
302. Write a series about a place where you vacationed.
303. Write a series about the area where you grew up.
304. Write about travel writing.
305. Write a series about a famous town.
306. What famous people live in your state? (Please respect their privacy)
307. Different modes of transportation.
308. Italian life.
309. French life.
310. Scottish life.
311. European life.
312. Irish life.

313. Visiting Mexico.
314. Visiting Alaska.
315. Canadian fun.
316. Canadians shopping in Maine.
317. Write a series about summer destinations.
318. Write a series about spring destinations.
319. Write a series about winter destinations.
320. Write a series about autumn destinations.
321. Retirement destinations.
322. Is Salem Massachusetts haunted?
323. The Psychic Fair in Salem, Massachusetts.
324. October happenings in Salem, Massachusetts.
325. Ski resorts.
326. Festivals is (any state).
327. Flea market trends.
328. Traveling with children.
329. Traveling with grandchildren.
330. Traveling with aging parents.
331. Travel light.
332. Bicycle trips.
333. Road trips.
334. Amusement park traveling.
335. A series on haunted towns.

- 336. A series on haunted homes.
- 337. A series on haunted areas.
- 338. Roswell, then and now.
- 339. Historical travel series.
- 340. Hiking for Travel.
- 341. Restaurant travel ideas.
- 342. Traveling on a budget series.
- 343. Cruise ship travel.
- 344. Where to stay when visiting (town/city/state).
- 345. Where to eat when visiting (town/city/state).
- 346. Country inn travel.
- 347. Bed and breakfast travel.
- 348. The cost of travel writing.
- 349. New England summer travel series.
- 350. Vermont in autumn series.
- 351. Boston series.
- 352. How to acquire travel writing work.
- 353. Travel (country).
- 354. What you should know before you visit (city/state/country/continent)
- 355. Traveling campers.
- 356. Traveling hunters.
- 357. Traveling shoppers.
- 358. Traveling fisherman.

- 359. Traveling crafter's.
- 360. Small town life.

Theme Ideas

- 361. People are always looking for ways to save money. Why not create a blog showing people how to fix their own basic car/truck/motorcycle problem.
- 362. Create an online craft mall, with a store for each of your clients where they can create their own look and sell their products to customers.
- 363. Bring back the old time town community events, when money wasn't the most important thing, but family and community were. How can you do motivate people to do with a blog?
- 364. Fashion design online.
- 365. Create a membership site for parents of teens.

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