



*Peter Sawyer*

*Home schooling pack*  
*Creative Writing- The Sequel*

I've been writing ever since I was a teenager, scribbling bad sci-fi and contemporary short stories in a notebook on the school bus. I've now got 10 books published through Amazon and am currently writing a trilogy to be published together in October 2020.

This could be a 1-day activity or stretch it out as long as you want. If you want something longer, Parts 1, 2 & 3 of my Creative Writing Guide to writing a story or novel are also online. Part 4 Playing is out Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

I'm not a teacher, but I am a history graduate and I've been doing Living History for 2 years. Covid-19 has hit my business hard, it's unlikely that I'll be working again before September but I'm fortunate that I don't have any children to look after.

For anyone who's having to try their hand at home-schooling, I've put together this education pack based on my work as an author and my Living History workshops. Feel free to print, copy and distribute this pack as far and wide as you want.

I'll also be doing packs on:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vikings and Saxons</li><li>• Ancient Roman society</li><li>• Ancient Roman army</li><li>• Ancient Greece- Athens</li><li>• Ancient Greece- Sparta</li><li>• Medieval</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World War One</li><li>• World War Two</li><li>• More creative writing exercises</li><li>• Favourite books</li><li>• More to follow</li></ul> |
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### You'll need:

- Whatever you're most comfortable writing with- pen or pencil
- An A4 notebook/pad/paper

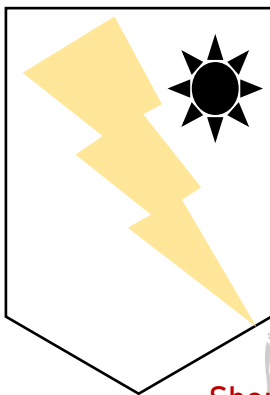
### Things to write about are like this.

Additional notes are in black.

These are short writing exercises. Some silly, some crazy, some serious.

For Short exercises, try to write about 3 lines of A4. For Medium, about half the page. For Long, a whole page.

You can do them in any order, but I recommend them in this order as some of them are themed together. This is meant to be fun, don't put too much thought in!



**Long- Who are the family that this coat of arms belongs to? Where do they live and how did they gain the coat of arms?**

This could be modern, medieval or fantasy.

**Short- Three men walk into a bar**

**Short- Three women walk into a bar**

**Short- They all walk into the same bar**

**Medium- Write a letter asking for a raise for someone you know**

**Medium- Write a letter from your friend to their boss as to why they don't deserve the raise**

**Medium- Remember the longest round of applause you've ever heard. What would get a longer one and why?**

**Long- Write a review of the worst place you've ever visited or stayed. Give it a 5-star review, turning all the negatives into good things for someone.**

Perhaps the tiny bed would be ideal for a toddler or the noisy nightclub next door would be great for a raver.

**Short- 5 things you love about:**

- The autumn
- Vegetarian cooking
- Pornographic websites
- Past American presidents
- Clickbait
- Your bed
- Dragons

Long- Imagine a meeting between your favourite book character and their author. What would they say to each other?

Short- What's the best cure for stupidity?

Short- What's the best cure for insomnia?

Medium- Dear Mum, I'm sorry I broke all your windows but...

Medium- What government committee doesn't exist but really should?

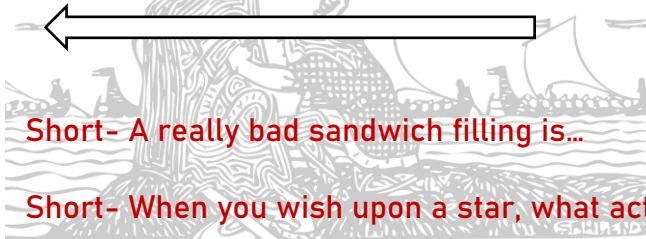
Short- Which TV programme should be cancelled forever and why?

Short- Which TV programme should be brought back and never cancelled again?

Short- The Easter Bunny has been quarantined! Describe his replacement

Short- Congratulations! You've been promoted to God! Who are the first 3 people you smite?

Long- Who is this? Write their backstory.



Short- A really bad sandwich filling is...

Short- When you wish upon a star, what actually happens?

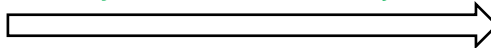
Short- Pinocchio's nose grows when he lies but when his ears get bigger, that means...

Short- For this, you'll need a power drill and a BIG cup of coffee.

Medium- I hate ice hockey because...

Medium- I love ice hockey because...

Medium- Who is this? What's their job and how did they die?



Long- Without using any dialogue, write a scene where a daughter tells her parents she's pregnant.

Short- Describe the colour red

Short- Describe the colour blue



Short- Describe the colour caumbal

Yes, I made it up, describe it anyway

Medium- If you could cook a meal for anyone from all of history, what would you cook and who would you cook for?

Short- I never loved you but...

Short- I can't eat eggs but...

Short- Hold me close and...

Long- Harry Potter just lost his magic powers.

Long- Hear ye! Hear ye! The Prince doth hereby proclaim...

Medium- The Navy's new warship has been named *HMS Fluffy Kitten*. Why?

Medium- Describe greed.

Medium- Explain greed.

Short- The best insult you know.

Short- The best compliment you know.

Short- The compliment you'd give yourself.

Short- What are you fantastic at?

Medium- You're walking through a graveyard and you find a gravestone with your name on it.

Medium- Your team is 7-0 behind at halfway. What pep talk do you give them to turn it around?

Long- Write a celebratory article about a great world event in the past. Halfway through, flip your attitude towards it.

Short- You've got to fight for your right to...

Short- If you wanna be my lover, you gotta...

Short- I don't care who you are, where you're from, what you did, as long as...

Short- I try to stay awake and remember my name, but everybody's changing and...



Medium- Where do babies think they go when they're born?

Medium- If the world was ending tomorrow, what would you want to spend the next 24 hours doing, money no object.

If you'd like to write something longer, I've produced a Creative Writing Guide, a (hopefully) complete guide to writing your own novel. You can find it on [www.peter-sawyer.com](http://www.peter-sawyer.com)

