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Home schooling pack

Creative Writing 1

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.

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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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- Imagine you're writing a restaurant review.

In the third paragraph, admit you've never been to the restaurant but explain why your opinion is still more important than anyone else's.

Short- Write the world's most optimistic fortune cookie.

Short- Write the world's most pessimistic fortune cookie.

Medium- You're a drama teacher. Write an email to the parents of an 11-year old student, explaining why she's not in the school play anymore.

Medium- You're the headteacher. Write an email to the drama teacher explaining why the girl must be given the lead role.

Medium- Think about the word IMPRESSIVE. What in your life is impressive?

Short- The world's worst advert on Gumtree.

Short- She screwed up this note and threw it in the bin. Then went back for it.

Short- Tell a story using only colours.

Short- You've invented a new religion! What's the First Commandment?

Long- Write a 5-minute play.

You can only have 2 characters who are mother and son and there's been a robbery

Long- Write a letter/email that would break up a married couple.

Short- Write the synopsis of Goldilocks and the Three Bears as if it was a horror novel.

Short- Write the synopsis of Baa Baa Black Sheep as if it were the new #1 single.

Short- You're a composer that's just written a song about Christmas. How will it be different to all the others?

Short- A story, with beginning, middle and end, in three sentences.

Short- "I'm not crazy. Well, I am, but..."

Short- "Hang on, I'm not dressed, I..."

Short- What will make it better?

Medium- Write a love letter to your favourite item of clothing.

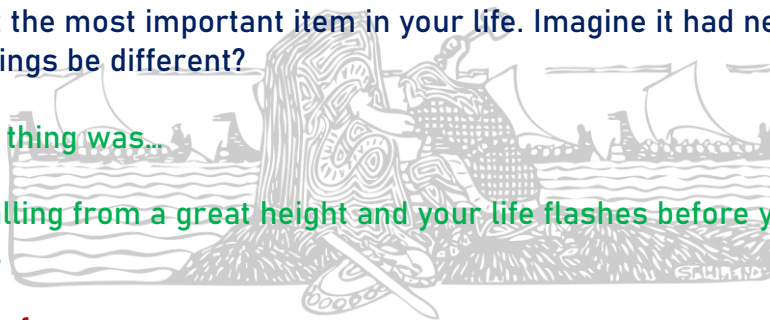
Medium- Write one back from your favourite item of clothing, explaining why you want to be donated to charity.

Long- There are 6 students sharing a house. They've never met before. Describe them meeting each other for the first time.

Long- Think about the most important item in your life. Imagine it had never been in your life. How would things be different?

Medium- The only thing was...

Medium- You're falling from a great height and your life flashes before your eyes. Write the deleted scene.



Short- To-Do Lists for

- ☒ A zombie
- ☒ A professional footballer
- ☒ A cat
- ☒ The richest man in the world
- ☒ A policeman who retired just 1 minute ago

Long- Imagine a famous person from history was actually a vampire

How would history have been different? How would they hide their condition? What caused them to become a vampire and when?

Medium- Write the introduction to a book about your best friend.

Medium- Write the introduction to a book about the person you dislike the most.

Medium- Write the introduction to your own biography.

Medium- Write the review of your biography and totally trash it.

Short- You wake up from a nightmare. What's changed?

Short- The difference is...

Medium- Explain how to make a sandwich to someone who has never seen bread or butter.

Medium- A man walks into a bar. He's only wearing a pink leotard.

Long- Describe the scene immediately outside the nearest window.

Be as detailed and precise as you can, even if it's just a brick wall.

Short- You gain one magical spell to use whenever you want. What does it do?

Short- The world's most unlikely insurance claim.

Short- The world's most unlikely fire

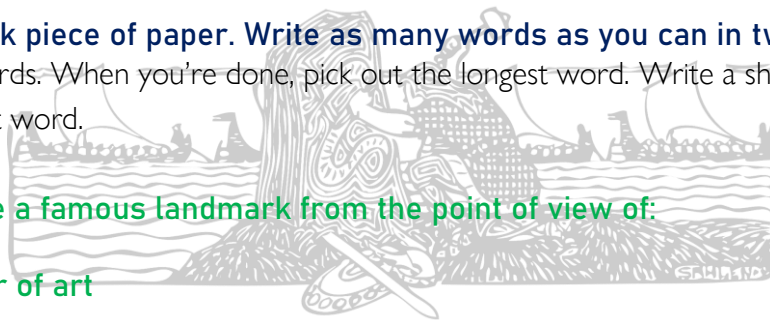
Short- Cats have now grown to 2 metres long.

Long- Take a blank piece of paper. Write as many words as you can in two minutes.

You can't repeat words. When you're done, pick out the longest word. Write a short story (one page of A4) based on that word.

Medium- Describe a famous landmark from the point of view of:

- A bird
- A professor of art
- A thief
- James Bond



Short- If you'd never....

Short- Why didn't you...

Short- I told you, I TOLD YOU, WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN? WHY?

Short- Stop! Police! You're wanted for...

Long- The Queen of Narnia has died. Write your application for the vacant role.

Medium- I first discovered...

Medium- I wish I hadn't...

Long- This is the last thing I'll ever write...