

## CREATIVE WRITING PROMPTS

### Today's Activity:

Choose one of the following song titles & write a story that connects to the song title:

- 1) Uptown Funk
- 2) Someone I used to know
- 3) Too Sweet
- 4) Old Town Road
- 5) Blurred Lines
- 6) Cruel Summer
- 7) Bad Habit
- 8) I Had Some Help
- 9) Beautiful Things
- 10) Something Just Like this

The following "Creative Writing Activities" are to be completed on the last class of the week from now until Winter Break:

\*Each story should be 2 pages double spaced and written in pen.

\*Each story will be written ONLY in class time, or in tutorial if you miss class.

\*Each story will go into your Creative Writing Portfolio. They will be graded for completion only (and for being on topic).

\*In the two weeks before Winter Break, you will select your top 3 stories and share them with the teacher and 2 peers. They will help you decide on the best story to turn into a good copy and to add things to: ex. some character development, a twist in the story's plot, a more exciting ending, etc.

**Choose a set of three elements and write a story that contains all three of them!**

1. A stolen ring, fear of spiders, and a sinister stranger.
2. A taxi/Uber, an old enemy, and Valentine's Day.
3. Identical twins, a party invitation, and a locked closet.
4. Aerobics, a secret diary, and something unpleasant under the bed.
5. An ex-boyfriend, a pair of binoculars, and a good-luck charm.
6. The first day of school, a love note, and a recipe with a significant mistake.
7. A horoscope, makeup, and a missing tooth.
8. A campfire, a scream, and a small lie that gets bigger and bigger.

**Select one of the following as an opening idea for a story:**

9. A babysitter is snooping around her employer's house and finds a disturbing photograph that shocks her to the core...
10. At a Chinese restaurant, your character opens his fortune cookie and reads the following message: "Your life is in danger. Say nothing to anyone. You must leave the city immediately and never return. Repeat: say nothing."...
11. It's your character's first day at a new school. He or she wants to get a fresh start, develop a new identity. But in his or her homeroom, your character encounters a kid he or she knows from summer camp...
12. At the airport, a stranger offers your character money to carry a mysterious package onto the plane. The stranger assures your character that it's nothing illegal and points out that it has already been through the security check. Your character has serious doubts, but needs the money, and therefore agrees...
13. A man elbows your character in a crowd. After he is gone, she discovers her cell phone is too. She calls her own number, and the man answers. She explains that the cell phone has personal information on it and asks the man to send it back to her. He hangs up. Instead of going to the police, your character decides to take matters into her own hands...
14. At a garage sale, your character buys an antique urn which she thinks will look nice decorating her bookcase. But when she gets home, she realizes there are someone's ashes in it.
15. A child moves into a new house and finds out that the other kids in town think it's haunted. She begins to invent ghost stories to tell at school in order to get attention. But the more stories she tells, the more frightened she becomes of the house...
16. Make a list of five things you're afraid of happening to you. Then write a story in which one of them happens to your character..
17. What is one of your bad habits? Invent a character who has the bad habit, but a much worse case of it than you have. Write a story where this habit gets your character into trouble.
18. What is one of your greatest strengths? Invent a character who doesn't have this strength. Create a situation in which having this strength is very important for your character. What does your character do? Write the story.