

Let's Freewrite, STEP Academy!

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Thank you for spending 45 minutes with me today. Below are 18 ideas for freewrites. To have a productive freewrite, use one of the prompts below and start writing without stopping for 12 minutes. Try to think of a beginning, middle and end to what it is you are writing. Think of this as a story to share with no editing. This frees our creative thinking. **DON'T EDIT, DON'T STOP WRITING FOR 12 MINUTES. DON'T WORRY YOUR STORY MIGHT BE TOO STRANGE; THE STRANGER THE BETTER. HAVE FUN WITH THIS. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TIME IS UP.**

IDEAS FOR FREE WRITES

1. Make a list of words, enough to fill an entire page. Pick five words at random from a list and write them at the top of a piece of paper. Write a piece that incorporates all five words.
2. Cut lots of individual words out of a magazine and put them in a container. Pick three to five words at random and use them all to form a title. Write a piece inspired by the title.
3. Use an old photo or a photo from a magazine. Write a piece inspired by that image.
4. While sitting on a bus or in a cafe or walking down the street, etc., write down one line from a random conversation. Use that line as the first sentence of a piece of writing.
5. Open a book, any book. Closing your eyes, use your index finger to pick a sentence at random. Use that sentence as the first line of a piece.
6. Pick a line of poetry, a single line - can be the title, the ending line, or one from the middle of a poem - and use that as the beginning or final line of a piece of writing.
7. Put on a piece of music without words that lasts approximately three to ten minutes and write something that reflects the emotional tone of the music.
8. Write a conversation, consisting of *dialogue only*, in which someone is asking for help.
9. Choose an object in the room and describe that object for five minutes using third person point of view and present tense. Then write for five minutes in present tense from the object's point of view.
10. Describe your happiest moment.
11. Write about a lie you once told.
12. You have a memory in which you are running fast. Write about it.
13. You have a memory in which you are laughing in the dark. Write about it.
14. You have a memory in which you witnessed someone hurting someone else. Write about it.
15. You have a memory of a certain house. Write about it.
16. Recall your most embarrassing moment and write about it.
17. Recall your proudest moment and write about it.
18. Write about something you have never told anyone about.

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Literary Terms that are important for writers to know:

Alliteration	Flash-forward	Setting
Allusion	Foreshadowing	Simile
Antagonist	Genre	Soliloquy
Assonance	Imagery	Sonnet
Characterization	Metaphor	Stanza
Chronology: ABC, BAC, CBA, etc.	Motif	Stereotype
Climax	Onomatopoeia	Strophe
Conflict	Personification	Suspense
Dialogue	Plot	Symbol/symbolism
Dissonance	Point of view	Tense: past, present, future, conditional
Exposition	1 st person point of view	Theme
Figurative Language	2 nd person point of view	Villanelle
Flashback	3 rd person point of view	

What is Amanda Gorman famous quote?



"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

Take this quote with you throughout life, and don't forget to write. Writing will set you free!
Feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact email is on top of this handout.
Enjoy your life,
Suzanne

PS don't lose your river rock!