

Legacy Writing Brainstorm

Instructions:

Using the suggested prompts, write down story ideas and any notes that will help you write your story.

Big Changes:

Think about a time when you or someone in your life made a big change or had a big change happen.

Lessons Learned:

Think about a time when you learned a valuable life lesson and how you learned the lesson.

Powerful Emotion:

Think about a time when you felt a powerful emotion. How did that emotion affect you, what caused the emotion, etc.

Proud Moments:

Think about a time when you were proud of someone.

Funny Experience:

Think about a time when something funny happened to you or someone you know.

Passions:

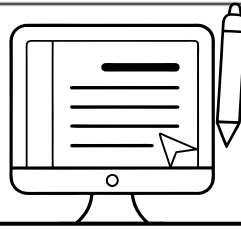
Think how your passions – art, music, sports, etc. – have enriched your life, shaped your choices, and developed personal growth.

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Story Outline

Story Topic or Title:

Story Details:

Characters: Who is in the story with you?

Setting: When and where does this take place?

Evoke Emotion: Think about a time when you experienced a strong emotion (joy, sadness, fear, etc.). How can you convey that emotion through your writing? Consider a piece of writing that has evoked strong emotions in you. What techniques did the author use to achieve this effect?

Engage the Senses: Close your eyes and recall a significant moment from your past. What sensory details do you remember? How can you incorporate them into your writing? Choose one of the five senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, smell) and describe a memory using only that sense. How does it change the way you experience the memory?

Drafting Your Opening

Use the following prompt to write the opening lines of your narrative:

“It was a [describe weather or atmosphere], [time of day], when I first realized . . .”

Write at least three different opening sentences. Experiment with different tones and perspectives.

Create a rough outline or timeline of your story, including key events, emotions, and sensory details.

Introduction:

Set the scene and establish the context of your story.

Body:

Describe the main events and emotions of your narrative.

Conclusion:

Reflect on the significance of your story and its impact on your life.

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