

# Idea Generator

For the Writer still Looking for their Idea



**Directions:** Try one, some, or all of these writing prompts to get your creativity flowing! With any luck, one of them will turn into a story idea.

## Opening Lines to work from:

- It was a dark and stormy night...
- The phone would not stop ringing. When I finally picked it up...
- I was seated at my favorite coffee shop when a person came to stand next to me. “Is it really you?” they asked...
- We promised we would never tell what really happened that night.
- Her favorite color was green. I never knew why until...
- The day I stopped feeding the dust bunnies under the bed was the first day that I....
- That morning, the sun came up just like every other day. But it was not like any other day.

## Scenarios/Prompts:

- You’re working in your garden when your spade hits something unexpected. What do you unearth?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What do you think happens after we die?
- If you could change one thing about the world to make it better, what would it be?
- What happens to all the socks that get lost in the dryer?
- What if your favorite book or movie character was actually the villain?
- Research an unexplained mystery. What do you think happened?
- If you could spend a day with anyone, alive or dead, who would it be? What would you do?