

Short Story Writing Assignment

You will be writing a creative short story for this assignment. Requirements:

- ◆ It needs to be at least three pages written when it is done.
- ◆ It should have a clear beginning, middle, and end and should follow the conventional plot structure of exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution.
- ◆ It should maintain a clear point of view throughout.
- ◆ Dialogue should be included.
- ◆ There should be clear character development.
- ◆ Grammar, usage, and mechanics are important.
- ◆ Be creative!!!

Prompt options:

Please select one of the following prompts to guide your story.

- 1) You've just had a root canal at the dentist. Once in your car you hear a voice (from the tooth) that informs you that the dentist inserted a government device in your mouth and you're needed for a secret mission. What happens next?
- 2) You're driving to your favorite city when you're stopped by a police officer. You are surprised when the police officer gets to your car and screams, "Get out of your car with your hands up!"
- 3) 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."...
- 4) 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...
- 5) Your character develops the idea that she can hear the voices of the dead on a certain radio channel. She decides to take advantage of this channel to find answers to some questions that are bothering her about her dead parents....
- 6) Your character notices that a stranger is following her. She pretends not to notice. The stranger follows her home and watches her go inside. Then when he leaves, your character turns the tables and starts to follow him....
- 7) It's a freezing cold night. Your character finds a homeless family on his doorstep and invites them into his home to sleep. But in the morning, the family doesn't leave....
- 8) You are on vacation to Disneyworld with your family. You go in to the bathroom and slip and fall on a wet spot on the tile floor. When you wake up, you realize that you are alone in the park...
- 9) The world fell apart right in front of me. Total panic and chaos. Buildings crumbled and fell. And it was my fault.
- 10) You find a stack of "missing persons" newspaper clippings hidden under your parents' bed. Your photo is on all of them...
- 11) You're listening to your favorite song when an unfamiliar voice breaks in through your headphones. "Hello... Can anyone hear me?"
- 12) A man receives a package in the mail from his brother. The only problem is, his brother died 17 years earlier in very suspicious circumstances.