Senior Young Writers Competition

Writing Prompts



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The New Discovery

A journalist who just got the chance to interview a living legend. Who is it, and what secrets or stories do they reveal during the interview?

The Big Game

You are playing the biggest game of your life. Describe the game, the crowd, and how you feel. What happens, and how do you become a sports legend?

The True Myth

Try rewriting a famous myth or legend from a unique perspective or with an unexpected ending.

I Was There

Think of a famous historical event – what would it be like to have been there at the time? Did the history books get it right?

The Legend of the Starry Night

Imagine a legend about why the stars shine so brightly in the night sky. Write a story explaining the reason behind it.

The Time Traveler's Legend

A time traveler meets a legendary figure from the past. What do they ask them? What do they do together?

Making History

Write a story about the moment that someone made history – did they discover something? Or create a work of art? How are they remembered?



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Story Starters



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- 1. Everyone knows him now as Robin Hood, the famous archer of Sherwood Forest. I just knew him as my neighbour, Robbie.
- 2. Others had tried and failed, but not me. I was going to be the first person to find the Loch Ness Monster.
- 3. As she opened the dusty diary, she couldn't believe her eyes—these were the untold secrets of the legendary artist.
- 4. In the dimly lit archive, he stumbled upon a forgotten letter from a renowned scientist that could change history.
- 5. Everyone knew the legend's public persona, but behind closed doors, a different story unfolded.
- 6. The night he found the old photograph, he realized his grandmother had been a world-renowned explorer.
- 7. A whispering breeze carried tales of old, and she couldn't help but listen as the legends came to life.
- 8. The crowd was silent as the new challenger lined up her serve against the world champion.
- 9. Balancing high school and my secret life as a superhero is harder than I ever thought it would be.
- 10. The family secret had been kept from me my whole life, until now. On the eve of my 16th birthday, it was time for me to know the truth.

