

ACTIVITY 3

CREATIVE WRITING

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AGE: 10 - 18 years | **ACTIVITY LENGTH: As long as you like!**

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Pen and Paper

POINTER 1

Imagine and connect to a story.
Let your imagination wander to where it takes you.
Take some time with this before putting pen to paper.

POINTER 2

Connect with your feelings.
So while much of what you do comes from your head - what you think about, your imagination, etc., combine what you think with what you feel, and a masterpiece can be created.
Are the characters in the story happy or sad, jealous, angry?
Is it a mild anger or a red hot explosive anger?

POINTER 3

Be descriptive. When writing, use lots of verbs to describe something. For instance - 'The day was very cold'. There are different types of cold. Was it a damp cold or was there snow in the air?

POINTER 4

Keeping a punch line till the end makes a very exciting finish. For instance, in the first example I have given below about the ghost ship, describing where you have been, the colour of the sky, the storms, the various adventures without revealing that you are a ghost ship until the very last line!

IDEAS FOR CREATIVE WRITING TOPICS

- You are the voice of a Ghost Ship. Describe all the places that you have drifted and what you have seen, the adventures and near misses that you have had, and where you have ended up.
- In 15 years time, you are a history teacher in a post primary school. Describe the world of Covid 19 to your students.
- Start your creative essay with 'My friend was walking over the rope bridge. He looked down and he saw ...'
- One young person in the world gets a half an hour meeting with the President of the USA, Donald Trump. You have been chosen. What would you say to him?
- You and your best friend go into space. Describe what it's like looking down on the world.
- The government have appointed a Minister for Fun. They are planning to celebrate the life of all 10 to 18 year olds with a special day and are looking for ideas. Send a letter to the new Minister with ideas.
- This is a feeling creative writing exercise. Write about how you are feeling right now, living with Covid 19 in the world? Do you feel sad, happy to be at home, angry, scared, excited? Tap into how you feel, rather than what you think about what is happening.
- You are the brightest star in the sky. Looking down, you see people all over the world looking up at you. Describe the people you see, the expressions on their faces. Describe what you think their thoughts are.

NOTE

These are just a few ideas. Your own will be much better. Check out your local library for books on creative writing.