



WORD PLAY

# WRITING PROMPTS

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## POETRY

Let's explore a variety of types of writing, also called genres! We'll make suggestions on how to explore fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc. by offering a variety of prompts for you to explore. These prompts are designed to kick-start your imagination and get you started with storytelling and writing.

Today, let's explore Poetry!

Poetry is a type of literature or artistic writing that stirs a reader's imagination or emotions.

The poet does this by arranging words based on meaning, sound, and rhythm. There are many types of poetry.

Did you know that you can study poetry in college and become a professional poet!

Let's explore some fun poetry ideas:

Prompts for Poetry Writers

13x13x13:

Choose the 13th book on your bookshelf, open to page 13, find the 13th sentence, and use it in a poem about LUCK that is 13 lines long.

Scrabble Grab:

Use scrabble tiles or other alphabet tiles, and draw 15. Write down a word that begins with each letter. Then write a 15-line poem, including one of your 15 words in each line.

Musical Poem:

Find a piece of music without words, and listen to it as you write to inspire your poem. Let breaks or shifts in the music inform your line breaks, and punctuation.

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POETRY EXPLORATION CONTINUED!

Let's explore a poem by the poet Rudy Francisco called *A Few Things I Strongly Believe*. Read the poem at least once, slowly, allowing the words to sink in and catch your attention. After reading, follow the writing prompts below!

# A Few Things I Strongly Believe | Rudy Francisco

I believe sour apple-flavored anything is delicious  
I believe orange juice tastes better with pulp  
I believe Cinnabon is made by angels

I like Arizona Iced Tea,  
but 24 ounces of anything for a dollar is probably poison  
(for real)

I believe that masculinity is a wet fish  
that most men are just trying to hold onto

And smiling before a fight  
is the quickest way to make your opponent nervous

I believe that music is easier to digest than medicine  
A good song can turn any room into a church  
I believe that Whitney Huston's voice is all the proof I need  
to know God exists.



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## Prompt Suggestions:

Read the poem above.  
Take a deep breath and slowly exhale.  
Choose a prompt below.

1. Make a “list poem” of things you believe.
2. Choose any line from the poem, and start there. From memory, imagination, or any combination of the two, write for 12 minutes.

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