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QUICK STORY IDEAS

Here are some ideas for writing exercises.

Ask writers to create a fake advertisement for a product. Then write a story about the ad or product.

Ask writers to borrow someone else's story and make it their own. They could choose a fairy tale, a famous film, or a novel they love. They should use the characters and plot elements, but write a scene or short story of their own based on the work.

Writers can imagine their future self as an old man or woman who travels back in time to meet them, today. Alternatively, they might imagine themselves as a child travelling forward in time to meet their adult self. Or perhaps both happen. In story form they describe what happens next.