



# Southborough LibGuide: Youth Creative Writing

## WRITING GUIDE FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**Padlet** - is an internet platform that lets people share ideas on one document like sticky notes! Settings can be changed for how it looks and how easily people can add posts. This link is a padlet of works from Southborough Library's very own writers in Writing Club! Visit: <https://padlet.com/msorensen224/mgi3p8ws8p4dk14l>

## RESOURCES FOR TEENS (GRADES 6 -12)

**OWL Purdue** - resources with advice about the writing process, overcoming writer's block, format for outlines, steps to start and evaluate research, guidance regarding style, and formatting and building an argument.

**Wattpad** - platform that lets you share your writing with others! Drafts can be saved without being shared.

## RESOURCES FOR KIDS (GRADES K-5)

**Dictionary for kids!** - Look up words you'd like to know and use the thesaurus for looking up new words that have the same meaning.

**Quill** - provides activities and lessons for all grades through elementary and high school

## WRITING PROMPTS:

### FOR KIDS:

#### Can Teach blog

Personal and fantastical prompts such "I wish..." "What if..." and personal opinion and experience prompts starting "How" and "Why" and when among others.

#### ThinkWritten – 300 Fun Writing Prompts

300 writing prompts! Include opinion, personal essays, and creative suggestions. Examples: 'Write a story about being ruler of an underwater world!' and "What are you grateful for today?"

#### Writing Exercise – Children's options

Choose prompts based on characters, titles, first lines, pictures, or four parts of a plot that only YOU can weave together.

### FOR TEENS:

#### New York Times

Extensive list from New York Time for nonfiction opinion and argument prompts

#### Write the World

Wide variety of prompts including creative writing, personal pieces, and nonfiction arguments. Platforms for submitting to writing competitions are also available.

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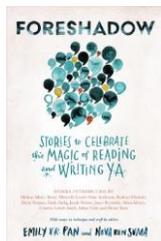
Prompts for various kinds of writing provided, along with advice from authors, and platforms to share your work with others.

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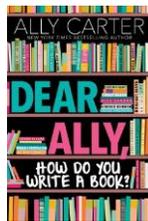
**Hope in the Mail** by Wendelin Van Draanen (YA)

Author's story of how she became a writer.



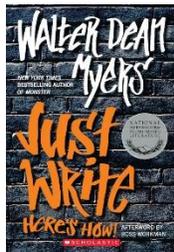
**Foreshadov** by Emily Pan and

Book of short stories with notes and advice from authors after each story.



**Dear Ally how Do You Write a Books?** by Ally Carter (YA)

Carter offers advice and practice prompts for teens interested in writing.



**Just Write** by Walter Dean Myers (YA)

Myers offers hope and advice for writers to keep chugging!



**Writer to Writer** by Gail Carson Levine (MG)

Long time author Levine shares her secrets about writing.



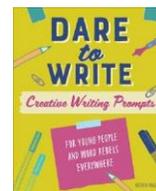
**Writing Fantastic Fiction** by Jennifer Joline Anderson (MG)

Guidance in various writing exercises.



**Spilling Ink** by Anne Mazer (MG)

A guidebook filled with practical suggestion for getting your story started.



**Dare to Write** by Kristen Fogle (YA)

Creative writing prompts to spark some new ideas.