



Story starters: Optional prompts for the Young Authors Fiction Festival, to help you get started on your story!

#### Prompts for Kindergarten-4th grade

- I woke up as the Cookie Monster
- I woke up with a roller coaster in the backyard
- My dog bit me
- I was in a new place
- I fell into a magazine
- I have six fingers
- How to live a good life
- The day my teddy bear came to life
- It was snowing ice cream
- It's raining cats and dogs
- I quit school
- Opposite day
- I ruined my school play
- What happened to all the people
- The day I learned to read
- The day I learned to ride a bike
- The day I got a fish tank
- My first pet
- I fell into a black hole
- The Cheese Touch came back
- My space travel diary

- My interstellar voyage
- The day I skipped school
- The day I woke up in a video game

### Prompts for 5th-9th grades:

- Write about a science project that exploded.
- Write about being a castaway.
- Write a story about being in a haunted house.
- Write a story about throwing crayons at your teacher
- Write a story about waking up in a movie
- Tonight I ran...

### First Lines (begin your story with one of these first lines):

- *I didn't think wishing for infinite ice cream would be such a dumb idea...*
- *I accidentally burned down the library...*
- *How did I end up here?*
- *I woke up on top of the Eiffel Tower...*
- *The new kid in class has a strange accent...*
- *I gave Chat GPT too many ideas...*
- *The day I got caught cheating...*

### Titles:

- When AI took over
- The wrong turn
- My teacher has a twin
- I have no idea
- I woke up as a car
- Superspy
- I woke up a spy
- If I was the President

### Prompts for 10-12th grades:

- Write a story in which the main character faces a tough decision
- Write a story in the form of you receiving a mysterious letter
- Write a story in a spooky hallway
- Write a story in which the main character wakes up as an animal
- A conversation with death
- A conversation with a leprechaun
- Write a story about being sent back to Kindergarten
- The day all my homework

- Ultimate senior prank - a chicken
- 72 hours to save the world
- You open your house door and figure out it's a time capsule
- A world in which no one has eyebrows except for you
- An interview with a criminal
- The day I met societal norms
- A time traveller bad at history
- Main character wakes up as the President
- I hate my name
- The day I infiltrated the Secret Service
- I traded places with my cat
- I hacked my neighbour's computer

**First Lines (begin your story with one of these first lines):**

- *It all started on a bright summer day...*
- *Every clock in the city stopped at Midnight...*
- *We're getting a divorce...*
- *The London Bridge fell/collapsed...*
- *The White House is down !*
- *Diary of a cool kid*
- *I met a Horse with no name...*
- *The day my cat started talking...*
- *All my hair fell out...*
- *I accidentally wished for my brother to be King, and now I have to bow down to him to get snacks...*