

KIDSTAGE Originals 2022/2023 - Writing Prompt

As part of the KIDSTAGE Originals writer application, each applicant will be asked to submit both a scene and a song using the following prompts. You may submit more than one sample for each section if you would like.

Scene

Take an established story and create an adaption where you continue the storyline following the immediate events of how the story ended. This could be an adaption of TV show, a movie, a book, a play, or any other literature. Your scene should be a minimum of two (2) pages and include at least three (3) characters. The scene should start the next phase of the evolution of the story. Your scene does not need to connect to the original story, but it does need to have an organic transition. Not all characters need to speak throughout the whole scene. Please include the title of the original story, a brief, two-to-three-sentence synopsis of the original story, and a new title for your scene.

Please format your piece in 12pt font, as follows:

Stage Directions in italics, Right justified

CHARACTER #1 in bold, centered

Dialogue from character speaking in normal font and size, left justified

CHARACTER #2 in bold, centered

Dialogue from character speaking in normal font and size, left justified

Song

Please submit a song using one of the following topics. Songs should be submitted at minimum as a lyric sheet, but you are encouraged to submit recordings of the melody, chord sheets or any other additional materials to convey your song.

1. Take an established song and create your own original cover of it. You are encouraged to create new lyrics, new melodies, and change its genre and/or tempo.
2. Take a character from a historical event and tell their perspective on the event unfolding around them. You are encouraged to explore events that are often overlooked or ignored.
3. Tell the story of a student exploring a non-traditional and/or UNEXPECTED love. The more creative and unforeseen, the better

Ideally, each song should have a story arc – a beginning, a middle, and an end.

Upload your writing submissions as part of your Writing Team Application by Sept. 14, 2022