

Writer's Application Prompts

As part of the KIDSTAGE Originals writer application, **each applicant will be asked to submit two pieces of work**. One piece should use one of the prompts provided below; the other may be any creative writing you have, either created for this program or written on your own time.

You may submit your pieces of work in any format: scene, song, poetry, creative essay, etc. We encourage you to attempt to write a scene or song for at least one of your submissions. Scenes have a recommended length of no more than two pages, and songs are recommended to include a verse and chorus. You are also encouraged to submit audio or video clips to supplement your writing samples.

All writing and prompt submissions are used solely to determine current skills in writing and storytelling. Perfection is not requested or expected – all writing can be improved, and the biggest hurdle all writers face is getting their ideas down on paper!

Prompts

Please choose a different prompt for each submission (can be a script or song). With your submission, please include the title and brief synopsis of the original story, and well as the new title for your piece.

1. Write a character's villain origin story (can be a scene or song).
2. Write a scene or song where two characters are forced to come together because of circumstances outside of their control. The more conflict present, the better.
3. Write a song or scene where there are four characters who all think they're the "main character."
4. Write a song or scene where a character is in love with something or someone they cannot have.

Recommended formatting

The following is the recommended formatting for scenes and songs, modeled after what is used during the writing process. Proper formatting is not required but is provided for those who wish to attempt it.

Scene Formatting

Your scene should be a minimum of two (2) pages and include at least three (3) characters. Not all characters need to speak throughout the whole scene.

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

SCENE TITLE

*Stage Directions in italics, Right side as necessary.
Stage directions should not cross center*

CHARACTER #1 BOLD, CENTERED & CAPS

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

CHARACTER #2 BOLD, CENTERED & CAPS

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

Song Formatting

Songs should be submitted at minimum as a lyric sheet, but you are encouraged to submit chord sheets, recordings of the melody, or any other additional materials to convey your song. Each song should include, at minimum, a verse and a melody.

Song: Song Title

*Stage Directions in italics, Right side as necessary.
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CHARACTER #1 in bold, Centered

ALL LYRICS SHOULD BE INDENTED
ALL LYRICS ARE IN ALL CAPS

ADD SPACE BETWEEN LYRICS AS NEEDED
TO INDICATE SEPARATION OF VERSE OR CHORUS