

Writing Worksheet

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Exercise #1

Prompt: Convey a feeling through a description of an object

- Choose 1 feeling and 1 object
- Describe the object in 10 lines
- Reach into the feeling without stating it so a reader can identify the feeling without seeing it

Time: 10 minutes

Reference: [DEAD DOE: I](#) by Brigit Pegeen Kelly



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Exercise #2

Prompt: Outline a story that took place across 3 locations

- Write 1 line for the beginning, middle, and end scenes
- Then write 3 lines that paint a picture of each scene
- Be a reliable narrator—describe the events from your memory with rich details

Time: 20 minutes

Reference: [Moons Over My Hammy](#) by Jon Sands



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Exercise #3

Prompt: Unpack a topic with three vignettes

- Choose a heavy or serious topic that you feel passionate about
- Write 3 short vignettes that all touch on the topic without directly addressing it
- Write them one by one to make sure that they feed off each other

Time: 3 Hours

Reference: [I Am a Big Black Man Who Will Never Own a Gun Because I Know I Would Use It](#)

by Kiese Laymon