



WRITING PROMPTS *from* HISTORY FOR TEENS

START WRITING AND EXPLORING

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Welcome! You're about to set out on a journey that will stretch your writing skills as well as your knowledge of history. There are 100 writing prompts from history that touch all seven continents, beginning in the 500s and continuing through the modern day. You'll witness the signing of treaties, the accomplishments made in a variety of sports, the debut of inventions, and much more.

I also hope you'll find a chance to stretch your imagination and your critical thinking skills as well. You will find that many of these writing prompts offer you, the writer, a great deal of freedom. When you are asked to evaluate an event, more often than not, it is up to you to imagine which point of view you wish to evaluate it from. For example, in the prompt about the Viking raid of the monastery at Lindisfarne, you must first choose who you are in this moment in history. Are you living at the monastery? Are you a merchant delivering goods who ends up in the wrong place at the wrong time? Are you one of the Viking raiders? Consider how your choice of character will affect your actions and decisions as you complete the writing project.

I hope you enjoy this adventure through time and discover many things about the past and the present. Both impact our future.

Sincerely,
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1. You've been hired to act as a runner and do errands for the craftsmen building Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. Describe your first day on the job.
2. You are living in the city of Córdoba when the Visigoths retake it from the Byzantines. What happens, and how does life change?
3. You are witness to the Viking raid at the monastery at Lindisfarne. Describe what happens and what your thoughts are concerning it.
4. Your family lives in a rural village in Germany. In 814, in early January, word reaches your village that Charles the Great, Charlemagne, has died. How do you and your family respond?
5. Describe your part in the Battle of Hastings, including which side you are on, what you are fighting for, and what the outcome is.