

The Busy Writer's Notebook

50 EPIC FANTASY WRITING PROMPTS



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500 Fantasy Writing Prompts*

Dear Writer,

Thank you for downloading your copy of 50 Epic Fantasy Writing Prompts, an extract from 500 Fantasy Writing Prompts*.

I hope you enjoy the next few pages and they help you to develop some new exciting stories :)

Instructions

1. Use the prompts to ignite a story idea within you. You don't have to take them as is, just take what you like out of them take the idea, character, anything that you can use as inspiration, to spark off your writing practice, and to help you to write.
2. Aim to write 100 or 200 words or if you'd rather, set a timer for 10 or 15 minutes or even 5 minutes and write to that.
3. Ask yourself questions if you're having trouble getting started... For Example:
"Who is this character? What do they want? What do they need? What or who is standing in their way? What will happen if they don't get want the want/need?"
4. Check out Holly Lisle's post on writing to a writing prompt. In short, she says you need to first develop your Character or Subject and a Conflict. And from there, you can create any story you desire.

When working to writing prompts the goal is to get some words out, create some new ideas, and make new connections in your mind that will help you build new stories.

Epic Fantasy Prompts

1. A murdered king returns as a ghost, determined to find his killer.
2. Magic can only be used by one person in the world. To decide who it will be, the games begin.
3. You're the master of shadows. They've bended to your will for years, but now you sense they're growing irritated with your control.
4. Write about a world where cities are in the sky. The catch? Your character lives alone on the ground.
5. Your character has been locked in the empire's prison for years. However, this is for their protection.
6. Four kingdoms are on the brink of war. However, your character, a lowly servant, knows a secret that can put an end to it and save thousands of lives. The catch? They have a very good reason not to say anything.
7. Write about a ragtag group of thieves who are going to steal the King's crown. However, they all suspect one of them could be a spy.
8. Alternately, write about a group of thieves that band together to return something they stole as keeping this item is more dangerous.
9. The chosen one was supposed to save the world. Unfortunately, he actually agrees with the villain and now wants to join him.
10. You're an assassin who's just been hired to kill the King. Your boss is his wife.
11. You're an oracle and for years everyone has been extolling your powers. The truth? Years ago, the real oracle disappeared years ago and you're just filling in.
12. Write about an empire where anyone is eligible to rule, as long as they are willing to sacrifice a family member.

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13. The sky is falling, but everyone is used to it by now.
14. Members of a raid think they have the upper hand on a small village. However, this village doesn't intend to submit.
15. Song is akin to magic, with users singing to use their magic. Write about a character with the worst singing voice that results in magic that never goes the way they intend.
16. A royal cartographer who, when they draw on a map, they create new places.
17. A family of illusionists who are set on deceiving their entire world.
18. You're determined to find your mother who disappeared when you were younger. The only challenge is finding which dimension she went to.
19. You're the daughter of an ice giant, but you have yet to inherit any of your father's abilities.
20. The dance of souls has begun. Write about who attends.
21. Write about a court where night drags on for several days.
22. You're a bounty hunter. But instead of killing your targets, you try your best to help them.
23. Write about a prison made of glass. Everyone, even the guards, are terrified of it.
24. You're a banished knight that can weld electricity. You intend to use that to your advantage.
25. Write about an orb that gives the user the ability to see the lifespan of anyone. One day, you accidentally look at your own even though you swore you'd never. You see 6 days, and 5 hours.

Epic Fantasy Story Starters

1. "There's a good reason no one goes to the sorcerer's house, I thought you would have known that by now."
2. I've seen dragons before. But...never quite like this one.
3. Many people knew her, he made sure that they did. He also made sure that they feared her.
4. It's easy. Just go by the wind and you'll get there eventually.
5. Dance with me. Pretend your world no longer exists.
6. "Tell me your name. I promise I won't tell anyone."
7. Like my mother before me, and her mother, I don't intend to fail.
8. We were alone, but not for long. Soon they would arrive and everything would change.
9. There are some things she knew she shouldn't share. But she was never good at keeping a secret.
10. The sky thundered, then cracked open.
11. Everyone turned to look at him. A king with no power.
12. The sword glinted in the sunlight. It would serve her well.
13. If you were looking to die, you went to the deserts. A place where no one returned.

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14. Once the curtains opened, there was no turning back.
15. He never mentioned the stories. And he would try his best not to.
16. It rained the day the magic returned.
17. With the sun above me and fire in my hand, I walked through the doors.
18. The carriage doors swung open and the first thing that came out was a dainty hand covered in blood.
19. One by one, the stars began to fall from the sky.
20. The world was strange and restless, filled with abnormal creatures.
21. The smile on the goblin's face was wide and twisted, stretching farther than she thought smiles should.
22. "This is the last time we're going to an orc for guidance."
23. For some reason, absolutely no one wanted to inherit the throne.
24. "It's your last day here, spend all the gold you want."
25. I shouldn't be alive. And she should have killed me. Neither of those things came true.

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