

“I Don’t Want to Write” Menu

A flexible menu of writing choices designed for middle and high school students who feel stuck, frustrated, or unmotivated by traditional writing tasks.

 **Rewrite a Song Lyric:** Pick a line from a favorite song and turn it into a short story, poem, or scene.

 **Caption Challenge:** Find a funny photo or meme and write three different captions. One can be serious, one sarcastic, and one totally out there.

 **One-Sentence Story:** Write a complete story in just ONE sentence. Make it as dramatic or weird as you want.

 **Snapshot Stories:** Scroll your photos or camera roll. Choose one picture and write what happened 5 minutes before or after it was taken.

 **Fictional Texts:** Write a fake group chat, diary entry, or text message conversation between fictional characters.

 **Opinion Rant:** What’s something you think is overrated, unfair, or ridiculous? Write a paragraph rant—with reasons!

 **List It Out:** Make a list of 10 things: characters you’d write about, first lines of stories, reasons school is weird, etc.

 **Comic Strip:** Create a comic strip (no art skills required). Use stick figures and speech bubbles to tell a short story.

 **Flip the Script:** Take a classic story or fairytale and write a twist—what if the villain was right all along?