

2021 NaNo Bootcamp

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500 words

PREP:

- » **How?** Decide whether to outline your plot or freeform [plotter or pantser]. Assemble materials.

PROMPT:

- » Plastic is outlawed. Pick a disposable item of today and create an alternative. Show the consequences for not using it.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Write a scene in the purplest prose you can manage.

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19

550 words

PREP:

- » **Who?** List your main character and potential side characters. Give them all one admirable trait and one really annoying one.

PROMPT:

- » Chose of a location from your childhood that's gone now, and place an unexpected item in it. Revisit as an adult.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Write a scathing email about your main character to another main character (or the antagonist).

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20

667 words

PREP:

- » **What?** Describe the scenario that the characters find themselves in, and what they need.

PROMPT:

- » High School is Where Books Go to Die: characters from random HS English choices find themselves trapped in a battle royale.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Pick a genre that you DON'T read, and introduce the main character in the most That Genre-iest way possible.

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21

767 words

PREP:

- » **Where/When?** Describe the world or the specific setting, including all five senses.

PROMPT:

- » Find a random family portrait and describe each character in turn. One of them is false.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Imagine your main character as a moody 18th century sea captain writing a ship's log.

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22

867 words

PREP:

- » **Why?** What decision must the main character make?

PROMPT:

- » You pick up a hitchhiker. They seem to know you, but you've never met them before. Figure out why and who they are before you arrive at your destination.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Cliché you hate? Write an entire scene around it.

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23

967 words

PREP:

- » **How?** How does the main character think they're going to accomplish their goal / what are the consequences of their decision?

PROMPT:

- » One of the dishes at this potluck is contains a tiny amount of poison. Who brought it, and why?

POPPYCOCK:

- » Put all of your characters in line [together!] at the airport. The plane is leaving very soon.

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FREE DAY

Catch up or relax!

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1067 words

PREP:

- » **Why?** What makes your antagonist move forward? What is the scenario from their point of view?

PROMPT:

- » Take a fairy tale or children's story and set it in a corporate workplace with reversed genders.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Rewrite a scene you adore in a different perspective (either character or literally 1st vs 2nd vs 3rd).

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26

1167 words

PREP:

- » Reevaluate your plot based on what you now know about your antagonist. Should the consequences of the main decision change?

PROMPT:

- » Your grandmother is chosen as a colonist on a new planet and you have to help her move.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Have one of your characters call into a radio talk show to discuss either a current event or a shameful secret.

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27

1267 words

PREP:

- » Brainstorm some random events that you can toss into the plot when you start to falter.

PROMPT:

- » Two bards must face off and sing about [a random page on Wikipedia]. Who is watching? What is the reward for winning?

POPPYCOCK:

- » One character is writing limericks about another character.

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28

1367 words

PREP:

- » **Moods!** Assemble a mood board or a playlist.

PROMPT:

- » Take the plot from a heist movie, and set it in a vastly different genre.

POPPYCOCK:

- » Pick a minor character, and send them to the supermarket to pick up items for the main character. None of the items on the list are available.

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1467 words

PREP:

- » **Workspace!** Set up your space & figure out the best time to write every day.

PROMPT:

- » Your pockets are now infinite in size. Besides your phone, what would you put in them? What would you carry that you can't now?

POPPYCOCK:

- » Begin a scene from a book you love, and then have assassins attack mid-way.

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30

1567 words

PREP:

- » **Rewards!** Figure out small rewards as a carrot to keep you writing every day.

PROMPT:

- » Time machine in hand, you go back to your last day of school. What do you do differently? What changes as a result?

POPPYCOCK:

- » Surprise furries! Pick a scene from a movie or book you love and recast all the characters as animals.

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FREE DAY

It's the day before NaNoWriMo and you're all ready to go!

Join us on Discord to chat, congratulate, and commiserate!