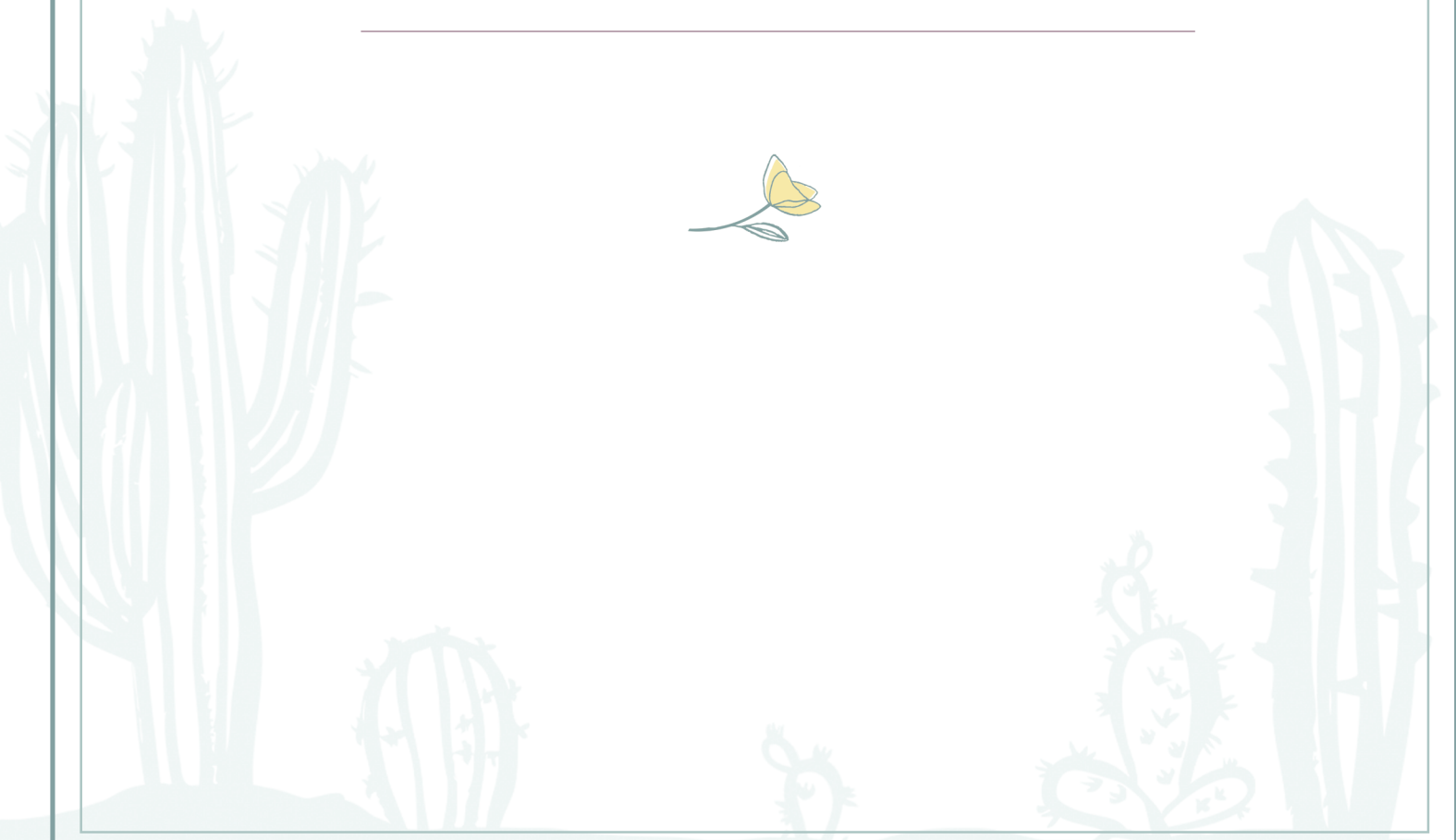




# **18 PROMPTS TO AWAKEN THE WRITER IN YOU**

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Whether you're a writer by profession or by proxy, published or ready to pursue the possibility, writing regularly or not, you can benefit from playing with prose, exploring a different form of writing, or trying your hand at the craft for the first time. To that end, I offer you 18 prompts that can spark your imagination and get you writing.

1. Listen to the lyrics of your favorite songs until a word, phrase, or concept catches your attention then write about it in your journal.
2. Write a letter from your character. Who are they writing to? What do they hope to accomplish in writing the letter?
3. Scour magazines for images that stop you. Pick one and write about it.
4. Write a scene or story with your character fulfilling someone's dying wish.
5. Think of a topic that interests you then write a quiz inspired by the topic.
6. Choose a photo from a shelf or wall or from your phone and write about it. Give yourself the freedom to write a poem, a true story, or a piece of fiction.
7. Write a scene from an animal's perspective.



8. Write your younger self a letter. Pick an age at which you made a big decision.
9. Write a scene with the color yellow in it, either literally or figuratively. Is your character wearing a yellow scarf? Feeling cheery? Lacking courage?
10. Finish this sentence (and keep writing, if you can): If being vulnerable didn't terrify me, I'd \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Write a diary or journal entry from your character's point of view. Be sure to include the physical and emotional landscape.
12. Write about your favorite color. It might be a poem, a children's book, a personal experience story, or a piece of fiction.
13. Write a poem from your character's point of view. The character might be responding or reacting to their surroundings, a situation, or a someone.
14. Name a person in your life—past or present, who helped to shape who you are and write about him or her.
15. Write a scene or story about your most memorable childhood friend.
16. Write about a pivotal time or event in your childhood. Include as many details and senses as you can.
17. Give your current emotion to a character and write about it.
18. Write about receiving your all-time-favorite-gift.