

7 Writing Muse Kickers to Fill Up That Blank Page

by: Shery Ma Belle Arrieta-Russ Nothing is more daunting for any writer than having to stare at a blank sheet of paper. When we stare at a blank sheet of paper, we often think, "What am I going to write?" A few minutes later, it becomes, "Oh my goodness, I can't think of anything to write!" And several minutes later, it turns into something like, "Write, dangnabit! Write! Write! WRITE!" Some writers call this writer's block. But I call it the "Writing-Muse-Needs-A-Kick" syndrome. And that's exactly what we're going to do with your writing muse gone truant. We're going to kick her back into gear so you can fill up that blank page. Here are 7 writing muse kickers for you to try right now: 1. First Line: Begin a story with "There was once a chance I didn't take..." 2. Cliche Starter: Weave a story or poem around the cliché, "keep your powder dry." 3. Power of Metaphor: What does "a string of laughter" make you think of? 4. Proverb Mix: "Beauty breaks the camel's back." 5. Story Words: Use the words "pianist, pencil, high-rise building, running shoes" in a story. 6. What If? Story: What if you're going to write a story about betrayal, with a young man as the main character and a locket as the key object? Set your story on a ranch. 7. Quick Prompt: Write about what you'd say to an uninvited guest.

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