

# English: Grades 9-12

## Creative Writing

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### Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Write structured paragraphs and sentences.
  - Formulate the flow of a creative writing piece.
  - Generate objects to write their piece about.
  - Think creatively in order to find the main idea of their story.
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### Warm-Up

Have students take five minutes to describe themselves from an ant's point of view. Have students volunteer to read their mini-paragraphs.

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### Lesson

- Student activity: Have students use Wolfram|Alpha to generate the pieces of their story.
- ◇ Setting: random city



random city



Input interpretation:

random city

Result:

Lohmar, North Rhine–Westphalia, Germany

Populations:

city population 31 339 people

Location:

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Current local time:

8:02 pm CEST | Monday, October 12, 2009

- ◇ Characters: random first name
- ◇ Character's job: random salary



**WolframAlpha**<sup>™</sup> computational...  
knowledge engine

random salary

Input Interpretation:  
random wage

Result:  
wage of multi-media artists and animators  
: \$54550 per year (US dollars per year)

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◇ Find a way to incorporate the following into your creative writing piece: random holiday, random historical event, random food, random cause of death, and random lake.



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random holiday

Input Interpretation:  
random holiday

Result:  
St. Vladimir Day (Ukraine)

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- Have students do research on the random things that they do not know about (historical events, holidays, etc.).
- Students can then begin the brainstorming process.
- Students can take the rest of class to begin writing their story. Remember that this is a creative piece so it can be about anything and from any perspective.
- Students will finish their rough draft for homework.

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## Closing

Require students to hand in a main idea for their story before they leave class.