

Prompt Engineering for Fiction Authors

Initial Brainstorming Prompts

Give me [NUMBER] high-concept pitches for a bestselling [GENRE] story with a unique twist, intriguing characters, and gripping emotional stakes.

Give me [NUMBER] ideas for characters that are part of a bestselling [GENRE] story that are well fleshed out, have strengths and weaknesses, and undergo conflict throughout the course of the story. Briefly describe their character arc.

Outlining Prompts

Using the following concept, write a story synopsis for a [GENRE] book:

[PASTE PITCH]

Using the following synopsis, create a detailed summary of the story, fleshing out additional details, and breaking it into parts using the [OUTLINE METHOD OF CHOICE]:

Create a list of potential subplots for the following novel:
[INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Using the following portion of an outline, write a detailed summary for [NUMBER] chapters of this [GENRE] novel:

[INSERT OUTLINE HERE]

Setting Prompts

Generate a list of potential locations for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Create a list of potential weather conditions for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Write a descriptive paragraph about culture and society for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Develop a list of potential technological advancements for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Develop a list of potential magic systems for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Develop a list of potential symbols for a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Write a descriptive paragraph about the economy for a society in a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Character Prompts

Generate a list of character possibilities for a novel about [BRIEF SUMMARY]

Write a character profile about the protagonist of this novel: [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Write a character profile about the antagonist of this novel: [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Develop a list of potential conflicts that the main characters will face in a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Generate a list of potential characters strengths and character flaws for the main character of a novel about [INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Writing Prompts

Write 1000 words of a chapter using the following details:

Genre: [ENTER GENRE HERE]

Tone: [ENTER TONE HERE]

Point of View: [ENTER POV/TENSE HERE]

Setting: [ENTER SETTING HERE]

Key Characters: [ENTER CHARACTER DETAILS HERE]

Summary: [ENTER YOUR ABOVE SUMMARY HERE]

Conflict: [ENTER MAIN SOURCE OF CONFLICT HERE]

Make sure to have plenty of realistic dialogue, and be sure to show don't tell, and use deep point of view.

Given the following scene, write a longer, more detailed version of the scene. The scene must begin and end with the following paragraphs:

Opening Paragraph: [INSERT OPENING PARAGRAPH]

Closing Paragraph: [INSERT CLOSING PARAGRAPH]

Editing Prompts

Given the following scene, write a stronger hook and opening paragraph in the style of a best-selling [GENRE] author:
[INSERT SCENE]

Take the following paragraph and add more description of [SCENE/CHARACTER]:

[INSERT PARAGRAPH HERE]

Expand the following text to show more than tell and include more dialogue:

[INSERT PARAGRAPH HERE]

Take the following text and improve the Flesch Reading Ease Score:

[INSERT TEXT HERE]

Proofread the following passage, fixing all grammar errors according to [STYLE GUIDE]:

[INSERT TEXT HERE]

Title/Description Prompts

Create a list of potential titles for a novel about: [INSERT PITCH/THEME]

Please clean up this text from a [GENRE] novel that I dictated. there are many mistakes, including homophones, typos, and words that just don't make sense in context. Here is the dictated text:

Write a bestselling book description for a [GENRE] book with the following synopsis:

[INSERT SYNOPSIS]

Write a bestselling book description, improving upon the following book description:

[INSERT YOUR CURRENT DESCRIPTION]