



NATIONAL WRITING DAY

27th June 2018

WRITE AWAY!

On National Writing Day, we're asking students, families, workplaces, writing groups and communities to participate in a free-writing activity called Write Away!

All you need is 7 minutes and something to write your ideas on.

"I feel most free when..." 

7 minute free write

We would like you to think about times when you feel most free.

- Set a timer and when you press start write down the words, **"I feel most free when..."** and continue the sentence. Don't overthink it! Just let your pen follow wherever your thoughts lead you, which could be anywhere!
- *Don't put down your pen until the timer stops. Try not to worry about perfecting, just get the words on the page – trust your mind and imagination! If you get stuck, try using one of the prompts on the next page.*
- Once the timer finishes, read your free write aloud and think carefully about what you have written. Either with a partner, or on your own, think about which lines you particularly like and why. What is your interpretation of freedom?

Prompts...

- Are there any **activities** that you associate with freedom?
- Are there any **objects** you associate with freedom?
- Are there any **feelings** you associate with freedom?
- Are there any **memories** that you associate with freedom?

Use your imagination here and add detail from the senses?

- What does freedom **taste** like?
- What does freedom **smell** like?
- What does your freedom **sound** like?
- What would your freedom feel like to the **touch**?

Extension



- If you are in a group, collect everyone's favourite lines in order to compose a poem.
- You could try two variations:
 - One in which you keep the **"I feel most free when..."** refrain at the start of each line
 - One where you just have a list of things themselves.
- Decide which one you prefer.
- If you chose to do this activity by yourself, pick your favourite line from your free write. Now using this line as a starting point, develop this into an individual piece enhancing on the themes and images.

Sharing



- On June 27th, share photos or extracts of your writing on social media via the following hashtags **#nationalwritingday** and **#writeaway**.
- Visit www.nationalwritingday.org.uk to download further resources and find out more about events taking place across the UK to celebrate **National Writing Day!**

Everyone has a story to tell