

## Composition I & Creative Writing

### Blizzard Bag

#### Ten Writing Exercises

Choose One to complete per blizzard bag day.

(and for those of us who'd maybe one day like to be)

1. What is your worst fear? Write a paragraph about a character who shares that fear. Next write a paragraph about a character who finds that fear trivial.
2. Create a character who has invented his own past as differing from the character's actual background. Relate (via the character) the invented past in first person. For a challenge, go back and write the invented past a second time in third person.
3. Start a story that begins with the first line: "This is his story."
4. Create a character who feels (or who literally is) invisible. Write a paragraph about how this character attempts to communicate with others.
5. Write from the first person perspective of a character who is the opposite gender.
6. Start a story by writing the title first.
7. Look back on a familiar landscape (childhood home, school, etc.) and write five separate, one paragraph pieces on it. Each piece should focus on a different sense (sight, sound, touch, taste, and scent).
8. Write a scene about a character's former life – or future life. Or, create a dialogue between a character and his or her former/future self.
9. Take a familiar fable, fairy tale or myth and rewrite it in your own style while using animals in place of the characters in the original. Or, write a letter from an animal to a person or corporation.
10. Write a scene told from the first person perspective of someone who has died