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“You vs. You” Writing Quest: Overcoming Doubt in Another World or Era



Objective:

Write a short story in which you are the main character—but the world around you is completely different. Maybe you're a gladiator in Ancient Rome, a traveler on a distant planet, a character inside a video game, or someone living in the far future. The twist? Even in this unfamiliar world, you're still dealing with something very real: self-doubt.

This is a personal journey, told through a fictional setting.

Before You Write Your Story: Follow These Steps

Step 1: Choose Your World

Decide where and when your story will take place. Is it a high-tech future city, a medieval kingdom, or a surreal dreamscape?

Step 2: Discover Your Doubt

Reflect on a personal fear or insecurity you've faced. What causes you to doubt yourself? Is it fear of failure, not feeling “good enough,” or struggling to belong?

Step 3: Create the Conflict

How does your self-doubt show up in this new world? Maybe your gladiator self is scared of stepping into the arena. Maybe your futuristic self feels like an impostor in a team of genius inventors.

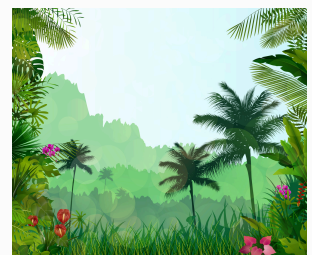
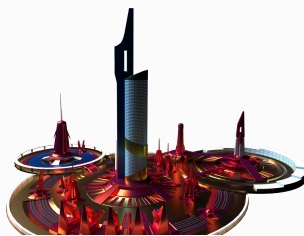
Step 4: Write the Turning Point

What moment challenges your doubt the most? Do you give up—or push through? How do others in this world help or hurt your progress?

Step 5: End with Growth

Your story should end with a moment of reflection or change. You might not fully defeat self-doubt, but you've learned something about yourself—and you're stronger for it.

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