

Writing Topics

Heirloom Topics

Should you choose one of the following options, keep in mind that your writing might turn into a family heirloom. Imagine how nice it would be if your great-grandmother had written about one of these topics, and left those writings behind for future generations!

Write your autobiography.

Write the story of your people. Tell about your family, your ancestors, where they're from, what they did.

Write a self-interview. You ask the questions, you give the answers.

What was the best day in your life? Why?

What is most important to you in life? Why?

What's the most important thing anyone has ever said to you? Why?

What is your philosophy of life? What lessons do you want your child to learn from you? By what rules do you live your life?

Other Topics

Describe (a day/week/month in) the life of an ancestor of yours (from 50, 100, 200, 1000, 10000 years ago).

Describe (a day/week/month in) the life of a descendant of yours (from 50, 100, 200, 1000, 10000 years in the future).

How would you run Sweden if you were prime minister?

How would you run Europe if you were the president?

How would you run the world if you were the President of Earth?

Write about your dreams (for a night/week) and what you believe they mean.

You have won 200,000,000,000 (two hundred billion) kronor (about \$20 billion) in the lottery. What exactly will you do with the money?

If you were omnipotent--all-powerful, capable of doing absolutely *anything*--what would you do? How would you change the world?

Write the dialogue of your dinner with Jesus Christ, Albert Einstein, Mohandas Gandhi, Buddha, Cleopatra, etc. Or write a dinner dialogue between two of these people.

Tell the life story of a twenty kronor bill (or a \$20 or €20 bill).

Tell the life story of a bee, butterfly, caterpillar, ladybug, cat, dog . . .

There are probably many trillions of inhabited planets in the universe. Write about one, or about one person on one of those planets.

If Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Napoleon, Peter the Great, Genghis Khan, etc., were alive today, what would his reaction to our world be? What would/could he do in our time?

What three items/objects do you value most? Why?

It's your job to write a Bill of Rights for Europe--the basic rights that will be guaranteed to all Europeans. What are they?

If you could rewrite the ten commandments--creating new guidelines for human behavior--what would you write?

Tell about an interesting trip you've taken.

There has been a ripple in time, and you--and you alone--have been transported back in time exactly ten years. What do you do? What *were* you doing ten years ago today? How would you change the course of your life over the past ten years? (This can be a very sensitive topic; approach with care.)