

LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITIES

In Your Own Words

Creative writing is one way to dream, and dreams can become real. The Wright Brothers dreamed of flying. They then set out to take the steps necessary to make their dream a reality. Below are several creative writing exercises that will help you improve your writing style and expand how you think about the invention of flight and your world.

Creative Writing Exercise #1:

Write a short story about the Wright Brothers in which you include facts you have gathered through additional research in the library and online. This story can be your fictionalized account of their pursuits. Attach a *Works Cited* list to document your sources.

Creative Writing Exercise #2:

Personify a plane! Give it a name, gender, mind, and other human characteristics. Write a character sketch about it (or him or her!).

Creative Writing Exercise #3:

Research and read a Wright Brothers' journal entry. Create one that they might have written after their fourth successful motorized flight on December 17, 1903.

Creative Writing Exercise #4:

Write a short story, essay, or poem about the future of flight. Consider the possible effects of flight on medicine, space, economies, war and terrorism, and daily life. Your written piece may be science fiction if you would like.

Creative Writing Exercise #5:

Do you even agree that flight has been beneficial to people, animals and the planet? Write a commentary about your views.

Creative Writing Exercise #6:

What is your personal "kinetic energy?" Do you have some potential that hasn't yet been tapped? Identify and explain some talents you have that you would like to develop. You also know that, according to the rules of flight, excess weight counteracts lift. What is an "excess weight" or obstacle that may counteract your efforts in achieving desired goals? Explain.