



Writing Cli-Fi

Climate fiction (or cli-fi) is a branch of **fictional literature** that deals with the effects of **climate change** on human society. It helps to bring **awareness** about climate change and its effects in a fun and interesting way. In this activity, your students will be tasked with writing a **250-300 word** cli-fi piece based on one of the five provided prompts. This will help your students practise their creative writing skills.

This activity can be an in-class **writing exercise** or can be assigned as homework. It is best done as part of a wider module on **creative writing**, a chance for students to put newly learned **storytelling skills** to the test. Below, you'll find the prompts as well as ideas to add an extra element of creativity to the exercise.

Learning and writing about climate change and its effects can be emotionally demanding for students, so having them engage in the 'bonuses' listed may make for a fun in-class activity that can put a light hearted spin on the subject.

Bonuses

1. **Prompt 1 Bonus:** Have your students make the paper look like an ancient stone with carvings. They could even provide a copy that shows their text written in symbols. Additionally, they can come dressed as an explorer/adventurer.
2. **Prompt 2 Bonus:** Have your students read out their letter dramatically as though they were an actor in a play about a love story like Romeo and Juliet. Alternatively, have your students hand write the letter and bring it in a decorated envelope as though it were real.
3. **Prompt 3 Bonus:** Have your students make the assignment look like an actual journal entry by printing it on a small paper booklet. Additionally, they can read their journal entry to the class dressed as someone from the future.
4. **Prompt 4 Bonus:** Have your students perform the speech for the class.
5. **Prompt 5 Bonus:** Have your students read out their letter to humans to the class. They can come dressed as a bee for comedic relief.

We welcome feedback and would be delighted to hear your thoughts on this activity. Feel free to send an email to schools@climatescience.org and we'll be sure to get back to you soon :)