

Writing Prompt:

Part 1 (10 minutes):

- Consider this Toni Morrison quote:

"If there's a book you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."

- What stories, characters, plots, themes, historical figures or events, etc. do you crave more of but don't see enough in books or other media? Freewrite on what would feel meaningful to you but feels missing.
- Sharing (optional) & discussion

Part 2 (15 minutes):

- Start brainstorming a main character for your own potential story. You can pursue a fictional track or a non-fictional track. This will be the seed for an ongoing creative project through the year.
- Fiction option: Invent a character. What are their desires, fears, strengths, and flaws? What do they dream or daydream about? What keeps them up at night? What are some distinguishing characteristics or interests?
- Non-fiction option: Consider an important figure or historical event that you think more people need to know about or understand in a new way. Research some details about this person/event and take some key notes on details that would be useful in telling the story. Save links to your sources.