

Artifact Writing Prompts – Science Fiction

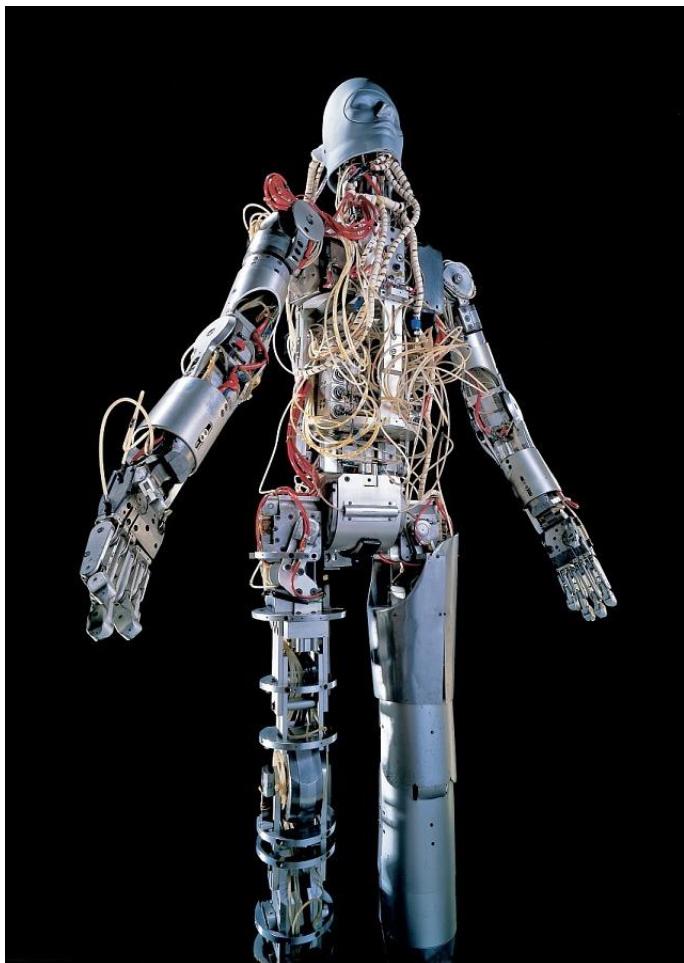
Science fiction is inspired by both the real and the imaginary. Authors can draw inspiration from anywhere: nature, movies, everyday objects, music and more. A lot of the time, science fiction is inspired by science reality! Scientific discoveries, like water on the moon or advancements in technology help fuel sci-fi stories and root them to reality, so that readers can relate to the fantastical.

Try writing a scene using one of the artifacts we have at the National Air and Space Museum! Read about what they were used for, and then see if you can take inspiration from the real-life artifact and transform them into something new. Maybe an engine is actually a parachute contraption, or a rover is a spaceship! The possibilities are endless, but we've provided five of our more out-of-this-world artifacts to get the gears turning. Find what inspires you to think like a sci-fi author!

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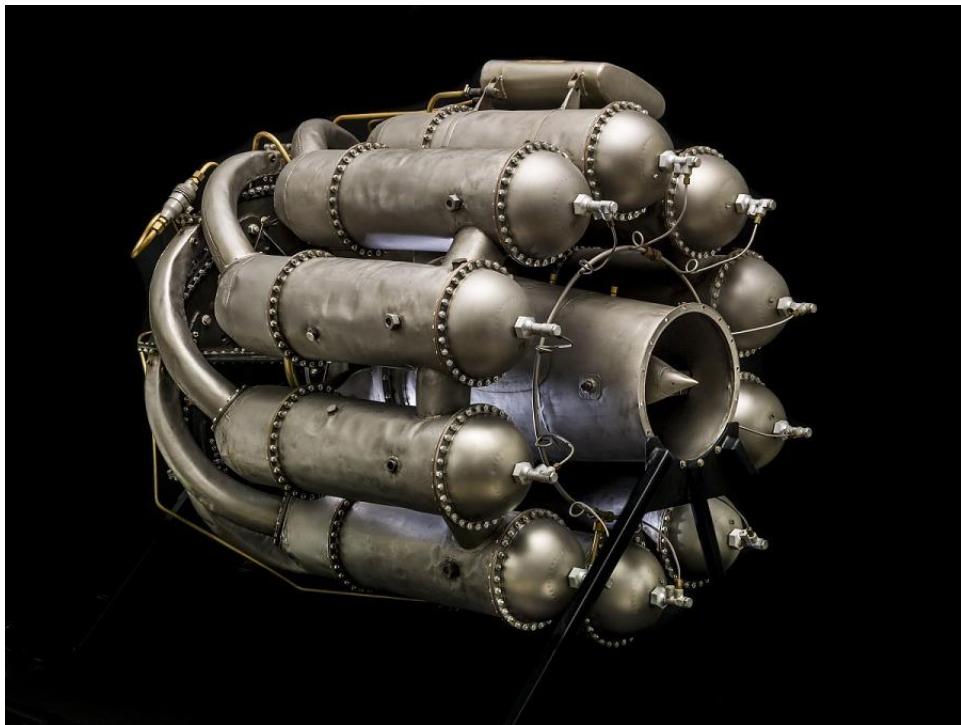
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Viking Lander

