



Writing Prompts for

*New From Here*

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Please write a short piece on one or more of the following topics:

1. What are some themes you discovered throughout the novel? Make a list. What do you think the author is trying to say about each theme? Find examples from the story to support your writing.
2. Kelly Yang based many aspects of her book on her own personal experience with her family, moving from Hong Kong to the United States during the pandemic. Do you have a pandemic story that you could expand into a novel too? If not, can you create one? Write a paragraph describing the synopsis.
3. Throughout the novel, Knox and his family are confronted with anti-Asian sentiment. They use small acts of courage to combat this – what were the acts and how did each act impact the family/community?
4. Despite the family’s hardships, they continue to love and support each other throughout it all. In what ways did the pandemic bring you and your family and or friends together?