

## Imaginations—CALL FOR ENTRIES: “Bandana Stories”—Guidelines

What’s a bandana good for? I never go out hiking without it. It literally saves my neck. The sun is hot in Arizona. My grandpa always carried a snuff-kerchief in his pocket, just in case. He could crosstie its corners to make a small carry bag for the mushrooms he found. Or think about the love token a chivalrous knight received from a fair maiden. Well, a bandana could even come in handy as a murder weapon, like in Edgar Wallace’s “The Indian Scarf”. *Also see:* <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/global-history-bandana-180976040/>

A bandana is one of the most versatile products on earth. It could be used for anything. Got an idea? Write it down. Send me your bandana story and I will print it in a book.



### BANDANA STORY GUIDELINES

**Topic:** (Almost) Anything—as long as the bandana is in it

**Length:** 500— 1500 words

**Deadline:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Prizes:** first prize, \$200; second prize, \$100; third prize \$50 (multiple)

**Rules:** Story must be about a bandana (please no adult content and no excessive violence).

Authors give publication rights to Imaginations for a bandana storybook. They receive a copy of the book and bragging rights.

**TO-PICKS (Topics):** *Make up your own story or grab one of the topics below. Please let me know your pick and consider yourself “assigned”. Have fun with this!*

1. Bandana as a face covering for robbery
2. Bandana as protection for Covid/virus
3. Bandana as a veil in a harem
4. Bandana as a brassard / club insignia
5. Bandana as a necktie against sunburn
6. Bandana as a wet cooling cloth (heat stroke).
7. Bandana as a tourniquet (accident).
8. Bandana as a bald man’s emergency head cover.
9. Bandana tied into a carrying bag.
10. Bandana marks the way in the jungle/forest.
11. Bandana as a washcloth.
12. Bandana enraging a bull.
13. Bandana used as a fan in the summer heat.
14. Bandana as evidence in a crime.
15. Bandana used in strangulation.
16. Bandana used as a headband.
17. Bandana used as a headscarf.
18. Bandana(s) used as a rope.
19. Bandana used as cleaning rag.
20. Bandana napkin at a cowboy wedding.
21. Bandana as an emergency diaper.
22. Bandana as a substitute dog collar.
23. Bandana to cover up nakedness (private parts).
24. Bandana, my only possession of value.
25. Bandana and the fight over it.
26. Bandana with of glitz and glamor.
27. Bandana as a token of love.
28. Bandana, my treasured inheritance.
29. Bandana with a secret code on it.
30. Bandana as an emergency scribble pad.
31. Bandana as a bandage
32. Bandana used as arm sling
33. Bandana used in leg splint
34. Bandana dresses a bee sting.
35. Bandana wards off snake/tarantula/scorpion
36. Bandana for snot and snuff
37. Bandana as a lucky charm on motorbike
38. John Wayne’s bandana
39. Bandana for Little Red Riding Hood
40. Bandana solves the riddle
41. Gagged with a bandana
42. Alien finds a bandana and wonders
43. The devil took my bandana
44. The Tibetan bandana tree (prayer flag)
45. My lucky bandana
46. Bandana with holes in it
47. Bandana stands in as a necktie.
48. Bandana, banana, smoke signals
49. And others

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