



# Senryu Workshop Workbook

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## ***What is a Senryu?***

- A **Senryu** is a Japanese poetic form that uses nature as its theme.
- Since, the Japanese language uses *sounds* instead of *Syllables*, **17 sounds** make up a **Senryu**.

## ***Fun Fact***

- The word **Senryu** is both singular and plural and is usually funny.

## ***How can we write a Senryu?***

In English, we use three lines to form a **Senryu**  
and substitute the **17 sounds** for **17 syllables**!

## ***Here is an Example:***

Skating in my yard (5)  
I bumped into my sister (7)  
Her face smeared with cake (5)



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## ***Senryu (Rough Drafts)***

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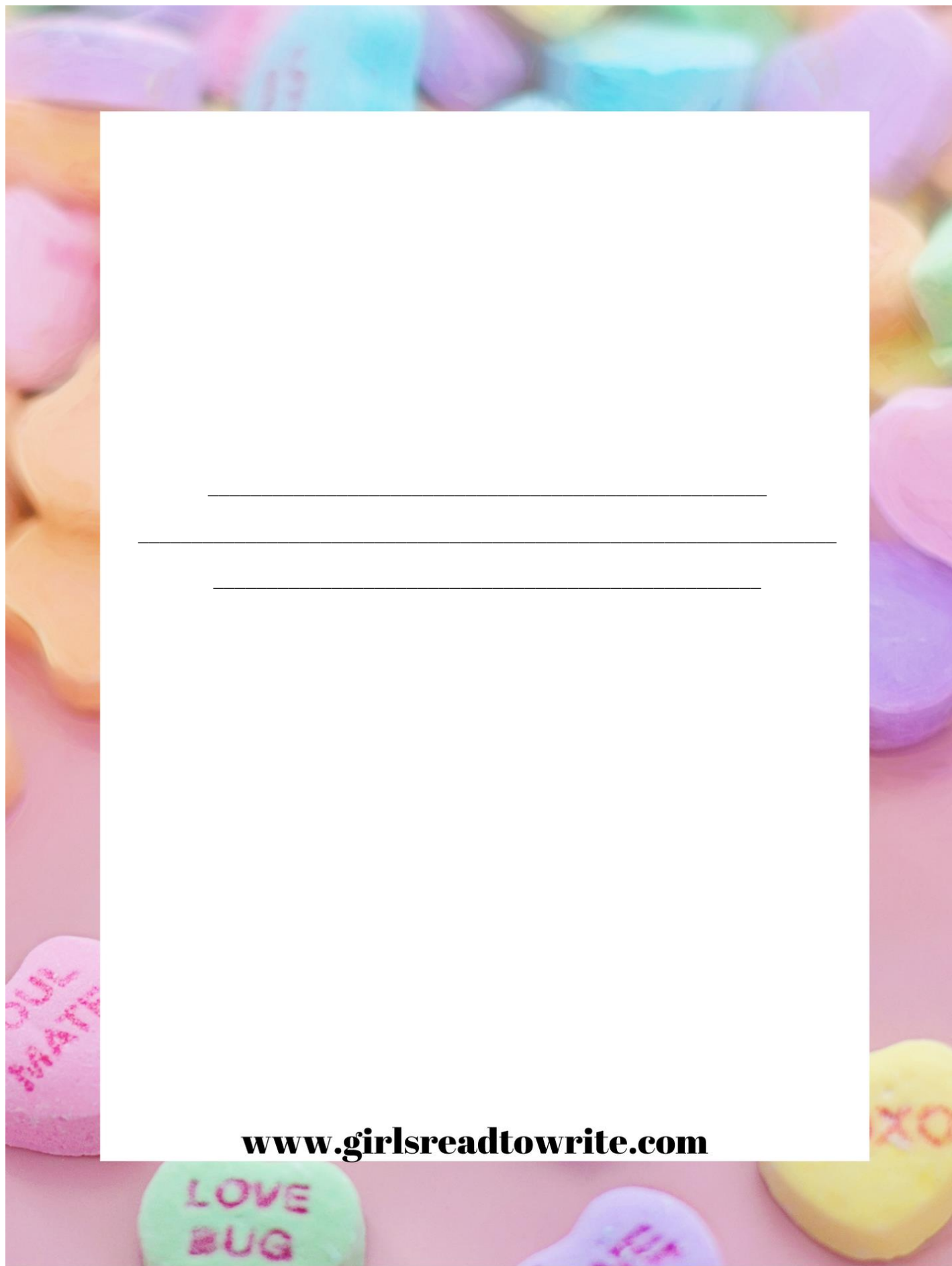
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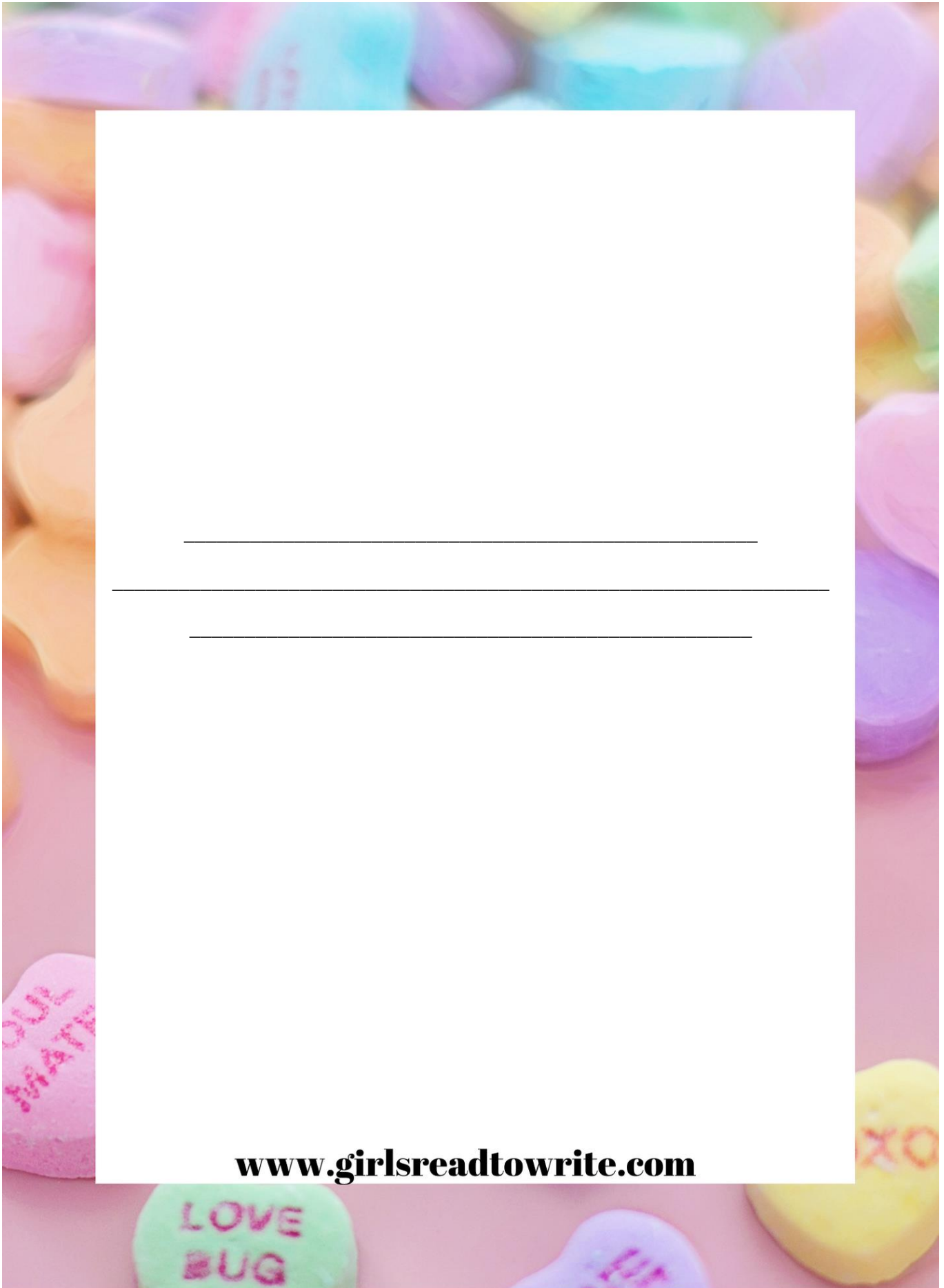
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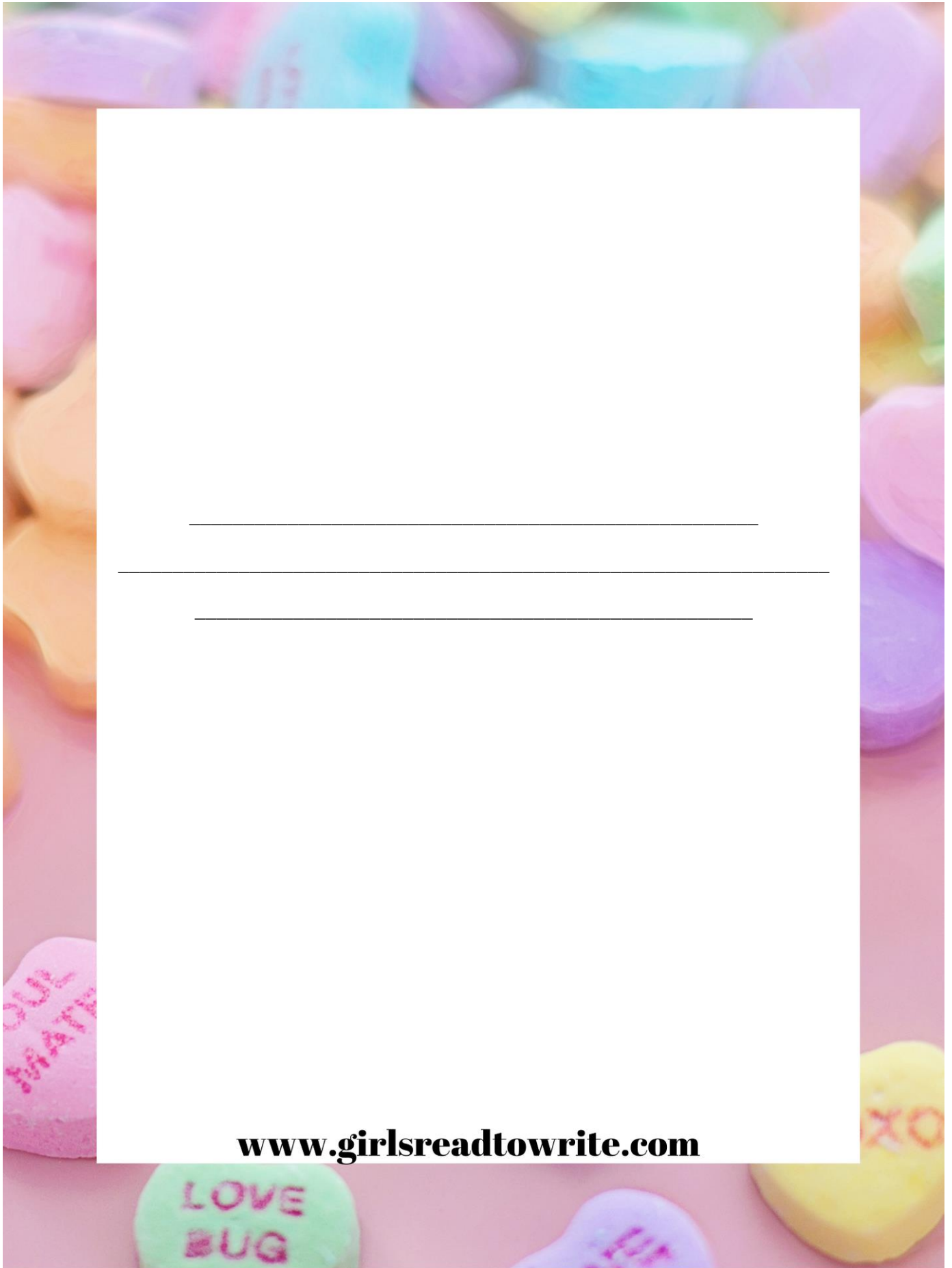
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# Girls Read to Write's Mission Statement

We believe if one reads widely and writes, this is the portal to help guide self-expression. We connect reading and creative writing with our book/writing club and workshops.

We provide a safe environment that is not competitive but nurturing and supportive.

## Girls Read to Write's History

**Girls Read to Write** started as a writing and book club inspired by Founder Sandra Proto's eight-year-old daughter and classmates when they formed a "club" during recess. One of the *club's* activities that the girls would do were to write stories together. As a writer and avid reader, Sandra Proto thought it was great that the girls had an interest in writing and she always wanted to start a book club for kids. So, with her two daughters and their friends, Sandra Proto developed **Girls Read to Write** in May of 2015 and held our first meeting in July of the same year.



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