

Creative Writing ... What's It All About

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Kind soul readers are tolerant of the vocabulary used, the grammar, spelling, or other faults. Not all readers are kind souls; unless you write clearly, concisely, and effectively, they will be antagonized and unduly distressed (justifiably so). Every writer wannabe (aspiring literary artist) benefits from the cognitive workout exercise of writing, hopeful of feedback essential to the learning process motivating self improvement. To emphasize this, I once wrote "It matters not how good you can write" until I learned better.

Bad writing attempts can serve as a draft or provide a valuable later record of comparison of the author's skill improvements rendering thoughts to sentences to literary compositions. Blogs are especially helpful journaling the writer's efforts considered works-in-progress used as resources to reference and perfect at a later date. An accomplished writer is admirable, for others still struggling to perfect their writing, friends who pride themselves on their authorship, intellectual literacy, and published works will help you in a kind, thoughtful, and competent manner. They are valuable allies to your communication goals. Friends encourage, tutor, mentor, and even offer to edit your final draft, correcting errors you didn't realize existed. Friends, being supportive of your writing goals, will compensate for the certainty that disparaging critics will eagerly pounce on your mistakes, gloating, chortling, social barbarians squawking directly or covertly about your communication faults.

Enjoy writing, even if in the past you avoided, dreaded it, or thought yourself incapable of writing creatively. You will learn writing is a great way of knowing yourself better by sharing something you believe others want to know or read. Writing is a healing catharsis activity, increases self respect, self esteem, and structured, orderly thinking. Join the Phoenix Writer's Club <http://phoenixwritersclub.com/>, join Mensa Artists Local SIG to meet gifted writer's who enjoy writing. Write a submission to the Phoenix Mensa Newsletter MAAM. Writing (what's it all about) is an artistic experience initiative, communicating intelligently, enriching a social environment with your individuality, originality, creativity, and point of view. Writing need not be a solitary exercise, as the poem below was written as a duet by 2 writers.

POETRY METAPHOR

Poetry is a can of condensed soup
made of colorful,
visually evocative thoughts
painted with an imaginative,
creative, and inspiring
choice of correct words,

inviting the dinner guest
to go beyond
the borders of the can,
exploring the what is,
and the what is not,
within his own mind.

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