

ART OF POETRY AND ESSAY WRITING

WEEK 3

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CLASS SCHEDULE

- **Class Schedule:**
- **REVIEW OF WEEK 2 (2/14/2021)**
- How do we write a children's book?
- What can a writer publish books online for free?
- What is the literary style in a poem.
- What is an imitation poem? Exercise from Emily Dickinson
- How to create a YouTube Educational channel.
- **Discussion:** What do colleges look for in incoming students?
- **Resources:** Amazon KDP, Barnes Nobles online, Apple Books, BookRix, YouTube, Lulu etc

CLASS SCHEDULE (CONTINUED) TODAY

- **Week 3 (2/21/2021)**

- **Introduction:** Writing College Essay.

- How to build your resume for the ideal Career
- Highlighting strength as an author, poet or artist

- **How to Write a Novel**

- **Week 4 (2/28/2021)**

- **Introduction:** Being a leader in both the literary world and everyday life.
- Writing the best College Admissions Essay.
- Writing and publishing Op-Ed and conference Papers

LAST WEEK'S LESSON

What defines poetry?

- How does imitation of a poem enhance your own skills?

Notes: 1) Anyone can be a poet

2) Poetry is what you think it is

3) Imagism is a vital component of any poem

VARIOUS STRUCTURES OF POEM

- Why is the length of each line important?
- Where you place the words determine if your creation is a poetry.
- Poetry is when you care about when the line ends:
 - *Example (fifty seconds practice):*
- **Read one of the poems you wrote last week:**
- **Find one characteristic that makes it a poem.**



- **A SAMPLE POEM OF THE FAMOUS POET**

Jack Kerouac

Haikus from Book of Haikus (2003)

**In my medicine cabinet
the winter fly
has died of old age**

**The windmills
of Oklahoma look
in every direction.**

**The bottom of my shoes
are clean
from walking in the rain.**

LAST WEEK REVIEW: **HOW TO WRITE CHILDREN'S BOOK**

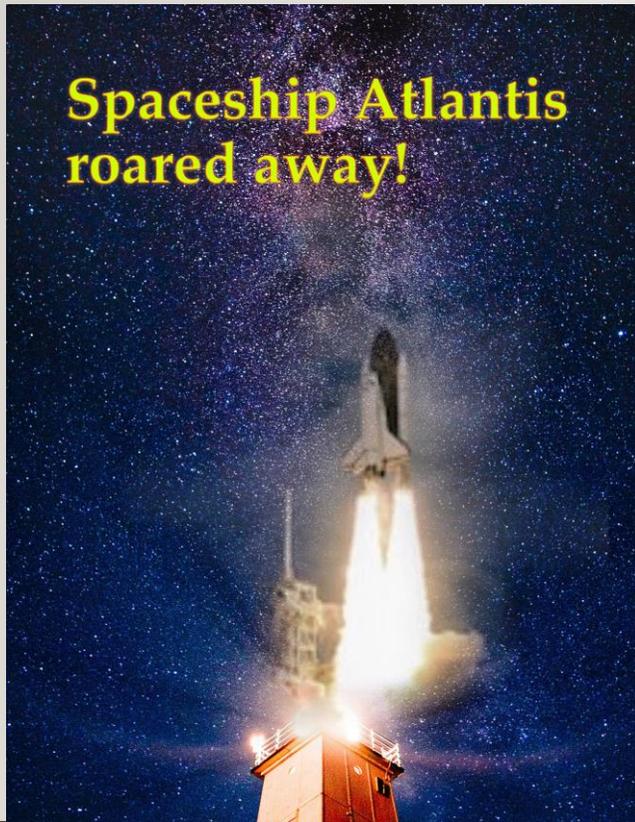
**How to begin
writing a
children's book?**

Figure out the basics:

**PAST TENSE
PRESENT TENS
RHYMING
FIRST PERSON
THIRD PERSON**

WRITING A BOOK IS SIMPLE!

THE END



How to Write COLLEGE ESSAYS

Before you begin writing:

- Make a list of all your accomplishments.
- Collect some of the sample works you did.
- Write down names of groups you are member of.
- Jot down something *specific* you learned from an event.

LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Nothing is too trivial.
- It is the small things that make you stand out.
- Did you meet Bill Clinton, or Condoleezza Rice or some other famous personality or celebrity?
- Did you recently meet or talk to a homeless lady, or an old ailing man in a senior center?
- Did you recently babysit your younger cousin or sibling? How did that sudden responsibility help you grow as a person?

ESSAY VERSUS INTERVIEW

- Imagine you are on a phone call with an interviewer.
- Write as if you are speaking.
- Practice speaking to peers.
- Record yourself.
- Then write everything down.
- Edit and Proofread. But not too much.

TWO MINUTE EXERCISE

- **A) Spend one or two minutes, either typing or hand writing, all the things or accomplishments you have.**
- **Write down the things you have planned to do, even if it is not complete yet.**
- **For example, you considered publishing a poetry book, a novel, a children's book or even started a YouTube channel...**
- **Hint: Consider this to be a free writing exercise.**

WHAT'S NEXT? CHECKLIST:

- **A) Make sure you made a list of your accomplishments**
- **B) Write down the titles of all the poetry books and children's book you wrote **or planned to write.****
- **C) Prepare to Apply to your dream schools.**

SAMPLE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

List you can make before starting your college Essay

ACTIVITIES

- Member of *Amnesty International*
- Author of several volumes of poems on love, life and human philosophy (Give link to Amazon KDP)
- Author of mystery/fantasy novel (Give link to Barnes and Nobles)
- Youth Member of Gen-UN (United Nations General Assembly)
- Author of numerous children's book
- Creator of YouTube Educational Channel

OTHER SAMPLES:

LIST YOUR SKILLS:

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***Computer:* Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Adobe, Power Point
(Coding/Programs you are familiar with)**

***Languages:* List all the languages you know, eg. French, Spanish Arabic,
Bengali, Urdu etc.**

- **What College Admissions Committee look for in a student?**

- Leadership qualities, and a good heart.
- Confidence.

- **How to make your essay unique?**

- 1) Focus on your strengths
- 2) Show that you care
- **How do you demonstrate that you are a leader?**



PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ESSAYS OR INTERVIEWS

- **Do research**

- Names of notable faculties.
- Names of Departments.
- Specific writing centers
- Names of book you read that were written by college professors.

WHAT SHOULD YOU WRITE ABOUT IN THE ESSAY?

- **1. Write about something that's important to you.**
- It could be an experience, a person, a book—anything that has had an impact on your life.
- But make sure the things that matter to you also matters to everyone (such as saving the planet from carbon emission, combating poverty or homelessness, etc.)
- **2. Don't make a grocery list of accomplishments:**

Anyone can write about how they won an award or the summer they spent in Russia. When recalling these events, remember to tell them what you learned from the experience and how it changed you.



BE UNIQUE!

- **1. Think creatively!**

- Try adding some additional features to your essay by using different fonts, adding color, including foreign characters or by embedding media—links, pictures or even charts!
- Check if the college allows you to upload essays onto applications as PDFs

- **2. Write like a journalist.**

- The first few sentences must capture the reader's attention, provide a gist of the story, and give a sense of where the essay is heading. Think about any article you've read in the newspaper recently.
- Write them down and then make one of your own.

HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL:

- FIRST PERSON, THIRD PERSON, or SECOND PERSON?
- This depends on the type of story and how you want to narrate it – as a third person or a first-person. A majority of bestsellers, i.e., 52%, are written from a third-person perspective while 39% are written from a first-person perspective.
- If you want the audience to relate to the characters on a personal level, the use of I, me, myself or mine are recommended.
- But, if the story is written as an observation, then a third-person perspective would be more appropriate.

YOU CAN DO THIS TOO!

- FOR NEXT WEEK: (Homework)
- A) Make a brief draft or outline of a novel.
- At the minimum: create a title and list of characters you want to include.
- B) Write or Edit (if you already wrote) a rough draft of a college application essay.
- C) Review the poems and children's book that you wrote so far.
- GOOD LUCK!

NEXT WEEK'S CLASS...

- Week 4 (2/28/2021)
 - **Brief summary of** how to become a published author, poet or artist, and how to write the best college admissions essay.
 - **Introduction:** How to Become an Award Winning Journalist
 - Most efficient ways to write and publish New York Times Op-ed and newspaper articles.
 - How to get accepted into numerous conferences.
 - How to write the most eye catching, interesting and bestselling novel.