

Dreaming of Writing A Story... But Aren't Sure Where to Start?

Then you are probably like the millions of other people who intend to one day write the next great novel, book, children' story or interview, screenplay or....more.

To be a writer means you must do one thing: Put words on paper.

The fact is, there are so many stories that will never be told because the people who hold those in their hearts and minds:

- Never have the time
- Don't know where to start
- Aren't sure of their abilities
- Are afraid it won't be good enough

And you can probably add more things to this list. The certainty of your writing is that all these things are true. To be a writer means you must sit down and write! You must hone your skills, organize your thoughts, create your beginning, middle and end —and then WRITE!

Let's do it together!

In 1963, at the age of 10, I had my first thing published in Wee Wisdom Magazine. I saw my name in print and knew I would forever write. And I have. I won't bore you with the details of all I have written, but rest assured that anything on your list is something I have already done.

For the last several years I have been teaching writing, coaching, brainstorming and helping businesses create content for their web sites and for business use. And I have done a multitude of the same things for others.

In January 2025, I started a writing class for local men and women who want to write. I have created, and taught, 12 basic classes that I now want

to share with you. The writers in my class have one thing going for them that you don't: **They made the decision and decided to follow through.** In July we joined together and published our work in a new magazine venture, sharing their words and ideas with the public! We published 2500 copies in our first edition and just published 4000 for our 2nd issue, all of which we distributed to our community! We will be doing this quarterly, to share the words and ideas of our writers.

If You DREAM of having your name in print, NOW IS THE TIME!

Each of my classes are basic, starting with common sense ideas and teaching you how to implement them in your writing. They are easy to follow, fun to do and each will take you about 90 minutes to complete them.

Before you talk yourself out of it, just read the pages that you have downloaded in this overview. It will give you an idea of what to expect, so you can make an informed decision.

The classes will all be delivered to your home every two weeks. That's right, in the mail, in an envelope and printed out for you to study, write on, ponder and use!

When you sign up you will download a few pages of information, including how to join our private FB page, how to access our monthly member's only Zoom meeting and a list of upcoming classes.

Here are the lesson topics:

1. Story Structure (You must begin somewhere)
2. Descriptive Writing (People, places and things)
3. The Art of the Interview
4. Crafting the Short Story (Can you tell it in 500 words or less?)
5. Writing Great Articles (and using photography)

6. Persuasive Writing and Opinion Pieces
7. Writing Conversation or Narrative
8. Writing with Common Senses (There are five of them)
9. Let's Review Punctuation (Basic but often forgotten)
10. Find Your Voice
11. Finding Your Niche (So you can write with Passion!)
12. Writing with Confidence
13. BONUS LESSON! Developing your brand-YOU!

And I continue to teach every two weeks, so if you want to continue after your first 6-month course, we will have another course to advance your skills even farther.

Writing Your Story

Before you decide, just take a few minutes and review the information that is located here. *Think about what your goals are and how you can achieve them if you **never** start!* Will your life be different in 3 months, or 6 months or one year if all you do is “think” about writing? Take the step and DO IT NOW!

Each class is filled with pages of notes, ideas, and a framework that will help you hone your skills as you are learning. We will end each class with a short homework lesson that will provide real practice for your writing.

The end goal of the class is for you to have completed at least a few suitable articles, poems or stories that are worthy of publication.

The cost is \$50 per lesson (\$100 per month on autopay / \$600 total) but if you purchase it in advance the cost is only \$480. This includes tax, postage and all the goodies that come with your course material. At the end of the 6 months, you will receive a glossy, decorative certificate to hang above your desk to always remind you that **you are a WRITER!**

I do suggest purchasing a 3" ring binder so you can keep everything neatly organized. Some of my students scan and save the lessons to their computers; I, on the other hand, am a paper person.

Once a month we will have a zoom meeting with anyone who wants to participate, ask questions, talk to the other writers, or just listen. Our private FB page will be available to share your work, ask for ideas, develop relationships with other writers or follow along.

Please complete the personal information sheet and send it back to me **when you sign up**. This helps me to get to know YOU and how I can best help you achieve your writing goals.

Let's Write!

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You can Google me for more information than you would ever need to know!