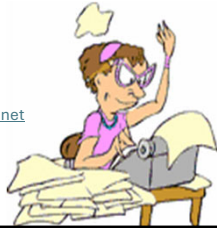


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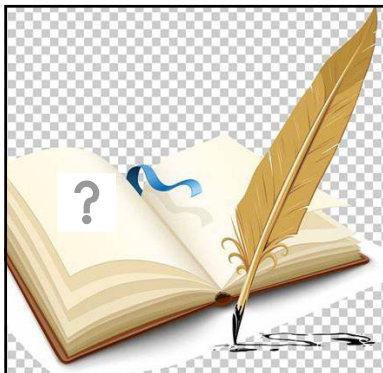


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MECHANICS OF WRITING



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STATS:

- As of 2021, there were about 49,500 authors/writers in the U.S.
- 97% will start a book but never finish

WHY?

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REASONS FOR FAILURE #1- PROCRASTANATION

Writing takes discipline and focus- Sit in a chair and Write!



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REASONS FOR FAILURE #2

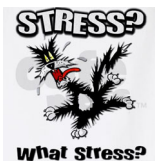
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REASONS FOR FAILURE #3

- Writer's Block; I NEED MORE WORDS !
- I can't think of anything!



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“Dreams Really Do Come True”



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TIP #1

When Inspiration Strikes, just write!



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TIP #2

GOT WORD ?

WRONG FORMATTING

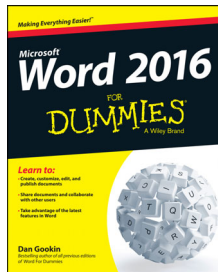
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WORD FOR DUMMIES



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Tip #3 Find a Good Critique Group A Writer's Group in Your Genre



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DO YOURSELF PROUD, READ YOUR WORK OUTLOUD (or sing)



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A LANGUAGE OF THEIR OWN

INTERNALIZATION

POV

SUB-PLOT

Social Media

SOP



PROTAGONIST

STORY ARC

HEAD-HOPPING

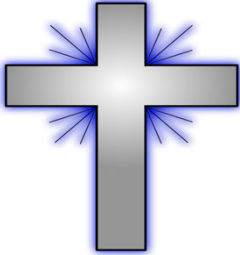
SHOW DON'T TELL

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Holy Trinity of Writing

Sense of Place

Point of View




Internalization

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If you wish to sell something new, first learn Point of View (POV)

Whose head are you in?



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To prevent your readers from getting lost,
provide a sense of place at all cost



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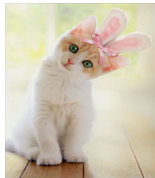
TO KEEP YOUR WRITING FROM STINKING,
TELL WHAT YOUR CHARACTER IS THINKING



"Oh Christmas Tree
Oh Christmas Tree
Your ornaments are
History"
Hee Hee Hee

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HELP WITH WRITER'S BLOCK:
Interview- Letter - "What If?"



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RW1 Yum! Yum

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