

# BETWEEN THE PAGES: YOUNG WRITERS' TRACK

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## LET'S WRITE!

Now that you've gone through all the steps an author has to take, you are ready to put your story down on paper. Below are a few of my favorite writing tips to keep you motivated and writing until you reach an author's favorite two words: The End.

No Negative Self-Talk

Be creative! Don't worry about whether your story is good or not. Writing takes practice and once you have a draft, you can edit and revise and make it better!

Senses

Don't forget to include all the senses in your story. Let your reader smell the fresh baked bread, hear the birds chirping, taste the sour grapes, feel the warmth of the sun.

Patience

Writing is harder than it looks and good writing takes time and patience. Don't rush your way through the story--let your characters develop and come to life.

Conflict

The problem is the heart of the story--make sure it's clear and easy for your reader to understand what's at stake.

Emotions

When we read we end up feeling things--we feel sorry for characters, or get angry at how unfair it is, or excited by their triumphs and sad when it's hard. Be sure your reader gets to feel all the feels!

Keep The End in Mind

It's good to know about how long you want your story to be when you start. That way you have a sense of timing and when to end it.

Getting feedback on your story is the best way to make it better. Don't take comments personal--they are meant to help you improve as a writer and make your story better. Even the most famous authors get notes from their editors and do multiple drafts!

Feedback