

Writing Assignments

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- Set your writing life priority. Do you wish to polish one piece? Submit one or two pieces for publication? Start a blog? Do some research necessary for a writing project? Write those letters or catch up on e-mail? It's all writing!! Write down your goal and post it on your computer, your mirror, your refrigerator, wherever you'll notice it!
- “This summer feels just like.....” [Go down memory lane. Use all 5 senses.]
- Do market research. What magazines or newspapers do you read? Study what they print. Study the *Writers Market* book in relation to things you read. Go to the library or bookstore and study books and/or magazines. Know your market.
- “If only.....” [Two of the saddest two words in the English language. Let loose.]
- Pay close attention to the writings of others. What do you like? Try one of the ideas -- make your own assignment.
- “____, the nectar of the gods” [Is it beer? What food or drink is heaven for you? Create a spread for us, in delicious detail. Make us hungry or thirsty... or make us laugh.]
- “First love” [A great assignment for tears or laughter - or both!]
- Write a personality sketch of a person who has seared your memory. [Hint: A grouchy but great teacher/coach/grandparent-type person makes a great sketch subject!]
- Write the story of an event that you can't forget, even though you might wish to forget it. Be sure to have a beginning, middle, and end. Include all details, names, places. Paint it richly. Be there. Let us be there.
- “My earliest memory” [Go back, like self-hypnosis. Use all 5 senses.]

[To be continued....]