

Ways to use the Writer's Notebook

Use your writer's notebook to generate ideas, record observations, reflect, and work through questions you have. This is not a place for polished work, but a birthplace of ideas.

For example, you might include:

- Observations about family and friends
- Description of a person, place, or thing
- Running lists- Funny, sad, scary, embarrassing things that happened to you or someone else.
- Topics of interest that you're interested in and might want to one day research or explore.
- Interesting articles from newspapers or magazines
- Responses to reading- how you feel about a character, plot, setting
- Thought-provoking quotes.
- Lists of what you wonder
- Sensory observations (sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch).
- Curious things you overhear
- Artifacts- Photos, ticket stubs, programs, bulletins, sketches, doodles.
- Family wisdom/ traditions
- People who inspire you
- Imagined stories- "What if"
- Memories- Good, bad, sad, joyous
- Story endings you would like to re-write.
- The great book you have inside of you.

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Entry 2: Your Choice

- Choose from the list and write an entry of your choice.
- **One page in length**