

Western Maryland Writer's Meetup

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If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.

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Issues:

Does anyone have any issues they wish to discuss?

Any workshops you would like to see in our group?

Take a moment to consider what your needs are as a writer, and what you hope to gain from our writer's group.

Would anyone be interested in having posts of writer's blocks? Or other updated information each week?

Some ideas for other workshops:

How to write a synopsis- This is important to catch the eye of readers to sum up your story in a catchy paragraph or two.

The art of blogging- You'd be surprised to find how popular blogging has grown in the past few years, including a means to help market your writing.

Workshops on: Online research, Finding information, or any other subject that comes to mind.

Writing Tips

With writing articles or even blog entries, consider the following topics to find a topic:

Instructional

Debates

Rants

Informational

Case Studies

Inspirational

Reviews or critiques

Link posts

Collation posts

Lists

Problem Posts



Writing Prompts

The opening sentence. Write/brainstorm ten opening sentences to your writing. This could be for stories, articles, memoirs, etc.

Contests and Markets

<http://www.strangehorizons.com/Guidelines.shtml> is a web based magazine for speculative fiction. They include poetry, fiction, articles, and even art.

<http://samhainpublishing.com/submissions> includes a number of romance, sci-fi, horror, and other genres.

<http://www.writersdigest.com/contests/> has a number of contests. They also update more than once so check back often.