

Nurturing Young Writers



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Teachers' Workshop

Workshop Objectives



- By the time we have completed this workshop, you will have an idea of:
 - The difference between traditional and non-traditional writing; and,
 - By understanding these differences, how you help young writers write what they are meant to write.

Workshop Activity



1950 – 1980 list examples of what writers wrote

1990 – Current list examples of what writers write

Challenges for Teachers



- **Educating Groups**
 - Parents
 - Teachers
 - Students
- **Choices for Writers**
 - Social media
 - Books: eBooks and hard copy
 - Music
 - Video
 - Plays
- **Mechanics of writing**
 - Letter writing
 - Notebook writing
 - Email/Tweets/Texting
 - Grammar and slang

Choices for Writers



Electronic media

- ✓ Tweets
- ✓ Blogs
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Social media

Songs

- ✓ Genre
- ✓ Instrumental

Voice

- ✓ Audio books
- ✓ Storytelling

Written word

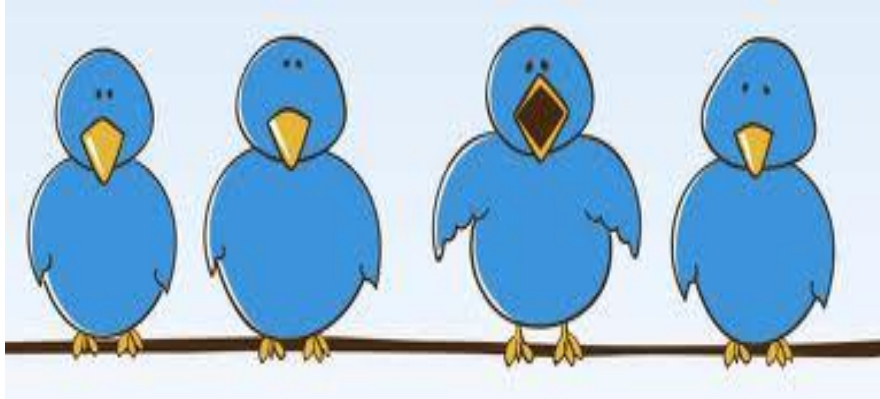
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Journalism
- ✓ Journaling



*Once upon a
time, there
was.....*



Exercise



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<http://www.netlingo.com/acronyms.php>

Texting Lingo



"Merry Christmas"

"Tell the police to hurry. People are dying here!"

"It's a DELIBERATE attack - a second plane just flew into the second tower"

Media – Social Media



- Challenge: Your social media knowledge is lacking.
- Exercise – Choose one of the following and include what it is, who would use it and why:
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - LinkedIn
 - Google+

Media - Books



- Hard copy
- eBooks

- Publishing
 - Traditional
 - Self-publishing

Media - Music



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Because I tell a joke or two
Although I might be laughing loud and
hearty
Deep inside I'm blue
So take a good look at my face
You'll see my smile looks out of place
If you look closer, it's easy to trace
The tracks of my tears.

Media – Other



- Plays/Movies/Video
- Songs
- Technical Manuals
- Journalism
- Radio
- Television
- ETC.



Exercise

Write two sentences explaining this picture.

A picture does say a thousand words – but are they the words you want to say?



Mechanics of Writing



- Letter writing
 - Memoir/Journaling/Diary
 - Notebook writing
 - Email/Tweets/Texting
 - Technical Writing
- ✓ Grammar
 - ✓ Slang
 - ✓ Voice
 - ✓ Tone
 - ✓ Semantics

Summary



- During our time together we discussed:
 - Writing choices for young writers; and,
 - Challenges to overcome to help young writers write what they want to write.