

# 10 Reasons to Write Anyway!

Yes. It's a pandemic. Everything feels overwhelming. Who has time to write? We're fast approaching a year since our lives were upended. Maybe procrastination, depression, or lack of motivation is keeping you from your writing desk? We have 10 reasons that we think you should go ahead and write anyway!

#1

You have things to say. You need to write them. And the world needs to read them. Good, true, meaningful words are part of how we help each other through!

#2

Writing is a process. A little today and a little tomorrow adds up to a lot. And if you write now, then you will have something to edit later. "Bird by bird" as writer Anne Lamott says.

#3

The longer you put it off, the harder it is to start. Start today. One sentence. Just free write. Keep the bar low to begin. Let momentum carry you into tomorrow.

#4

Writing is a way to process your thoughts, feelings, grief, rage, and hope. Externalizing your thoughts and ideas through freewriting can be a path to finding perspective, or making meaning, or just clearing your head and heart.

#5

You had hopes and plans before the pandemic. Maybe they changed, evolved, or have even been renewed. What are your hopes now? It is okay to dream.

#6

Imagine looking back on this time in five or seven years. What do you wish you might be able to read or recall about these days. How have they impacted you and your life, work, family and values?

#7

Book. Sermon. Dissertation. Article. Conference paper. Proposal. Blog. Whatever you are writing, you CAN do it. And some accountability will help.

#8

Saying you can *write anyway* -- even through a pandemic -- does not mean you need to be productive. Nor does it make you a better person. It just means that if you want to... *you can!* And your effort will not be wasted or lost.

#9

There are injustices, needs among your neighbors, and stories that deserve to be told. Only you can write what only you can write. This is the time you have. These are the days. Here we are. Use them wisely. Fill them well!

#10

Writing is paradoxical. It is solitary work, yet it is better done in community. It is best supported with feedback and encouragement. Don't go it alone!

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