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GIVE THE GIFT OF WRITING!

Looking for a useful gift for the writer in your life (or yourself, which is also fine)? Check out p. 2 for Provisional Pen membership options. Want to write more satisfying conclusions? Read our monthly writing tip for strategies. Trying to navigate the harsh realities of 2020? Find out how writing can help on p. 4. Here's hoping 2021 is a better year!

Happy Writing!

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- Group coaching
- Helpful videos
- Private Facebook Group
- Writing tips and tricks
- Exclusive resources

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WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

SATISFYING CONCLUSIONS

Way back in January, we talked about the beginning of the journey readers and writers take together: the introduction. Now, as we wrap up what has been a rather eventful year, it's time to talk about how to end the journey.

Keep in mind that different genres support different types of conclusions.

A factual news article, for example, would end differently than a piece of creative writing. Conclusion strategies tie in to the purpose for writing: to educate, warn, change minds, inspire action, or entertain. There may also be some overlap when it comes to purpose, which gives you more conclusion options to choose from.

Think about the kinds of endings that appeal to you as a reader.

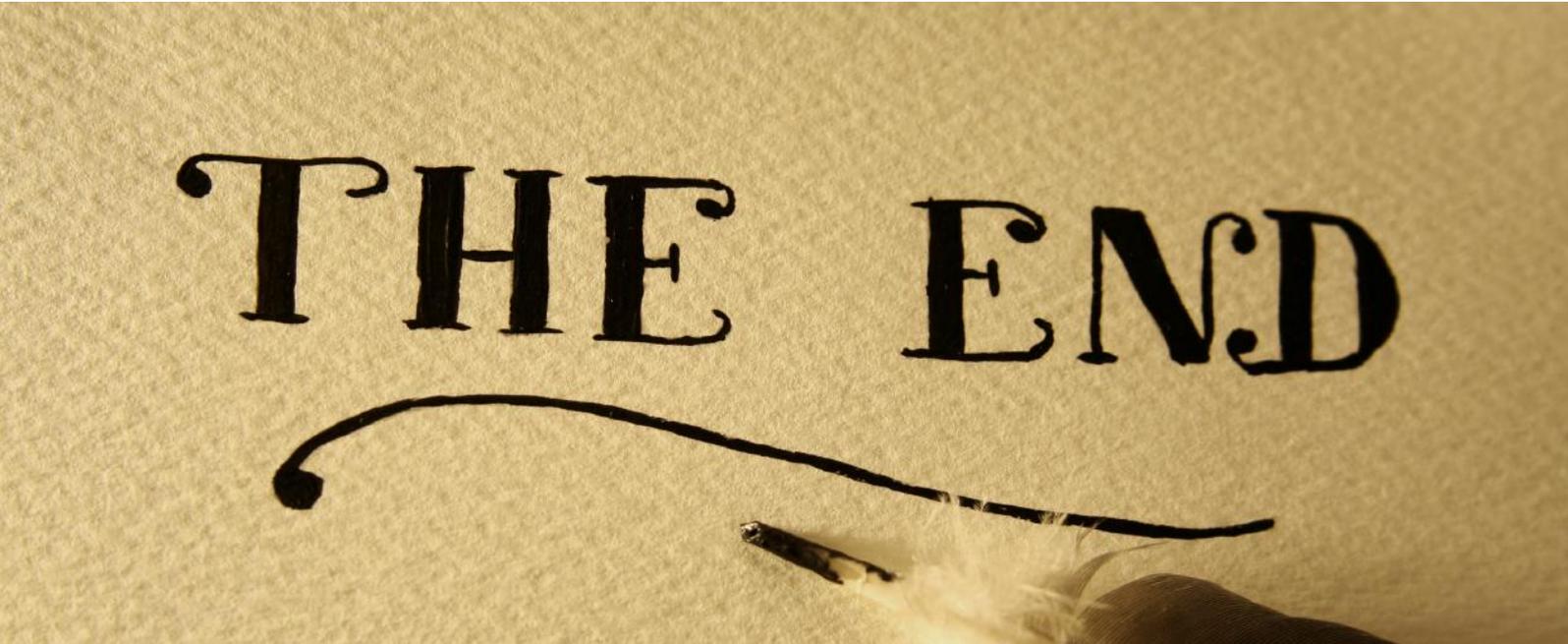
For informative pieces, do you connect with conclusions that end a story, like a case study? Or endings that deal more with numerical data? When it comes to creative writing, do you like

endings in which everything is neatly resolved or somewhat open-ended conclusions? Stories that end with a piece of dialogue, a profound thought, a question? It makes sense that if you're drawn to certain conclusion strategies, they'll work for your own writing.

Don't leave anything completely unaddressed.

A conclusion for an entry in a series typically differs from that of a standalone piece. You might decide to go with a cliffhanger to build suspense for the next book. Even so, you still want to at least refer in some way to what you're leaving out at this point. Otherwise, you (and your readers) are left with an abrupt ending and it may appear as though you've forgotten certain plot points rather than crafting a conclusion that keeps readers engaged.

Remember that writing a satisfying ending is a complex challenge; if you have to rework it a few times, that's fine.



THE END

MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION



WHY WRITING STILL MATTERS

So very much has changed this year, including the role of writing in our lives. When many parts of daily life can feel somewhat pointless in the midst of a global pandemic, you may wonder why you should bother with writing.

Here's how writing can serve as a lifeline while we hold on as best we can:

Writing is a safe way to stay connected during the pandemic.

Gone are the days when you might pop in on a friend or family member for a visit without a second thought. This doesn't mean we have to be socially isolated, though. In addition to options like video chats, writing is a great way to connect with others while

keeping physical distance. You can certainly write a good old-fashioned letter, which people might get a kick out of these days, but a quick email or text message works, too.

Writing is a tool we can use to work through our feelings during this challenging time.

Talk about an unexpectedly difficult year. We've seen and been through immense trauma. Your experience, whatever it is, matters. And you need to process it, work out your thoughts, untangle emotions, so you can come to terms with it and move forward. So, write it down in a journal just for yourself. Send it to someone you trust. Share it on a blog. Whatever works for you. Just hang in there and keep on writing.



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