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YOU MAY HAVE FUN!

Current events have been anything but fun, but things may just be starting to turn around. In the meantime, though, you could use a break. So, this May, let's get back to part of what draws us to writing in the first place: it's a generally safe, pretty inexpensive way to be creative and have fun.

In this issue, you'll find out how Provisional Pen can help you tell your own story, how to take it easy when it comes to writing, and how the pursuit of fun can inspire new projects.

Write on!

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WRITE YOUR STORY WITH US!

Your first date. Graduation ceremonies. The lullaby you made up for your baby. What do all these things have in common? They're moments and details you feel certain you'll always remember vividly. But, as time passes, those memories fade.

So, how can you hold on to special moments and, in a way, experience them over again? By writing your own memoir. No, they're not just for famous people. Yes, your story is important enough to write down.

Not sure where to start? Provisional Pen can help. With our writing consultation services, we'll work together on these areas:

- Creating a vision for your memoir
- Enhancing your writing with engaging details
- Finalizing your memoir

We look forward to working with you to share your own story!

For more info,
please visit our

[Writing Consultation](#)
page.



WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

TAKE IT EASY

As we all know, life comes with plenty of stressors: finances, health, and housing, just for starters. But, fortunately, writing doesn't have to be one. Here's how to take a more relaxed approach:

Do a bit at a time.

Not feeling like Jessica Fletcher in the intro to *Murder, She Wrote*? That's okay because most of us don't type away a mile a minute, words flowing freely from our brains to the page. Sure, inspiration strikes sometimes, but a lot of it really is just putting in the time. And, there's no reason to pressure yourself into trying to write an entire piece at once. Break it down, and be sure to take breaks so your self-care doesn't suffer.

Do it when it feels right.

Now, if you are having one of those moments of happy creativity, absolutely get those

words written down. On scrap paper, your computer, your phone, wherever. To make this easier, try to keep some writing tools nearby. If one of these moments strikes at an inconvenient time, like while you're driving, no worries. Focus on the task at hand, and recall what you can of your ideas at a better time.

Do your best, and be done with it.

A piece of writing may never truly be finished, as someone could likely find something to revise. But, that doesn't mean you can't decide to be finished with a piece of writing. Instead of wasting time and effort chasing perfection, put in the work, complete your version of the writing process (the one that works best for you), and move on.

[Check out "When in Doubt: How to Stop Sabotaging Your Writing"](#) for more tips to improve your creative approach.



MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

FIND YOUR FUN & A REASON TO WRITE

How *does* one have fun in the midst of a pandemic? But first, let's address the issue of finding enjoyment in life even while terrible things are happening around us. It's difficult, and it can make us feel guilty, but it's necessary to keep ourselves going. Now, on to finding fun and a writing project:

Try something new.

Since some activities are probably out for safety reasons, now is a great time to try a new hobby. Always wanted to crochet or sew or cook gourmet desserts but never learned how? Now, you can. The key is taking advantage of virtual learning opportunities and activities you can do at home. Another option is to change how you do a favorite activity. Like hopping off the treadmill and

taking your run outside, in fresh air but away from crowds.

Reflect on the experience.

When we take on something new, we learn more than just new skills. We learn about learning, about our personal processes, and what we need for success. There's definitely some emotional growth involved, too. So, once you've tried a new hobby, think about what has changed for you.

Write about it!

Now, grab a pen, and get writing. Your project could take any form, really: list, poem, blog, essay, short story, novel. While your experience and thoughts are nonfiction, you're not limited in how you can use them.



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