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## MARCH ONWARD!

Life can feel overwhelming as we drag ourselves out of a long winter, out of a pandemic, and try to figure out how to move with ease in the world again. But, now is the time, and we can do it.

In this issue, you will find out how we can help you finish up your projects, how to clear the clutter from your workspace and your writing, and how to keep going when all else fails.

Happy Writing!

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## LET'S GET IT FINISHED!

Whether or not you consider yourself a prolific writer, it's likely you have a few works in progress piling up. That's okay, but sometimes it helps to free up some mental space for new projects by finishing up old ones.

Provisional Pen is here to help! With our [editing and proofreading services](#), you can access these benefits:

- Personalized help, prioritizing your concerns
- Detailed feedback
- Help with most types of writing



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## WRITING TIP OF THE MONTH

### CLEAN IT UP

Creativity, whether paint on canvas, ink on a page, or any other medium you can dream up, can be a messy business. And, that's okay. Not a big problem. The thing is, though, that there usually comes a time when the clutter overwhelms. So, you might consider a little spring cleaning of your workspace and your work itself.

#### **Get organized.**

This tip applies to both your physical workspace and your writing. If you like to keep print copies, organize them by project and then in smaller categories from there. So, maybe you'll have some file folders containing various versions of the project, a research file, and a file of early reader feedback. If you work electronically, you can organize your documents in the same way using folders and bookmarks. You should find that finishing a project becomes much

easier when you don't have to waste time trying to find a specific resource or draft.

#### **Edit your writing.**

How does one "clean up" their writing? When it comes down to it, most of us tend to get wordy. Not the end of the world. But, for many reasons, people don't have so much time for reading anymore. So, if you spend too much time playing with fancy words and sentence construction, you might lose potential readers. Does that mean all your writing must be spare? Thankfully, no. First, consider the genre. A set of directions, for example, must be concise. Fine. On the other hand, you have more wiggle room with, say, poetry. Just remember, whatever you're writing, if you clear out words, phrases, sentences, and sometimes even paragraphs that aren't adding value to your piece, readers will appreciate that you value their time.

# MONTHLY WRITING INSPIRATION

## KEEP IT GOING

Sometimes, the stars align and everything works out, and writing is a productive enterprise. Other times, nothing seems to go right no matter what we do, and we're left wondering if we even want to write anymore. If you're lucky, the first scenario happens more often for you. If not, welcome to the club. You may not have wanted to join, but here you are and we are here for you.

So, what can you do when a project is keeping you up at night (and not out of excitement)? You could just keep writing, keep working on it and see what happens. Much of the time, this will help you through to the next stage of the process. Don't worry about perfection, which isn't really a thing anyway. There's time to improve your piece.

Another option is to scrap it. Unless you truly hate your work, however, we don't recommend trying to scrub away all evidence of its existence. Here's why: you can probably use it again. But how, you may ask, when the process has gone terribly awry? Sure, you may not want to use the project in its entirety. But, you might look it over in the future and be inspired to try something new with it. You might just use your research to create something completely different. Who knows? So, give yourself the chance to benefit from the hard work you've already done.

Remember, you're not alone in feeling frustrated as a writer. Reaching out to others can be a great strategy, too.



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