



Everyday Writing Tips

The most effective way to improve as a writer is, of course, to just sit down and write as often as possible. Writing-centric courses and visits to CWAC will certainly supply you with many tools and strategies, but it's in putting them to use that you'll truly begin to grow and find your own voice as a writer.

Here are some tips and ideas for getting into the habit of writing on a regular basis:

1. **Write about anything.** Even if you don't have an essay for a class due in the near future, there are still many other forms of writing you can take on. Creative writing, journaling, job applications and cover letters, and more all present substantive opportunities to practice your writing. No form of writing is inherently more productive or informative than any other; some (if not many) of the skills you hone writing in one context will transfer over to a different one.
2. **Try to write between 15 and 90 minutes a day.** This frame of time will allow you to write out a few ideas at the least, and perhaps even a page or two at most. Try to do so with minimal interruptions, too.
3. **Write every day for two weeks.** Even block off time in your schedule to be sure to do so. This way you can make writing a habit. And like any other part of your daily routine, it will start to feel like a natural part of your day as time goes on. Make a note on your calendar or place post-it notes on your desk to remind yourself.

The hardest part of writing often comes with just taking the time to focus in and start working. The more you can turn writing into a simple, perhaps everyday exercise, the more you will develop your style, technical ability, and comfortability with taking on new writing challenges as they present themselves.