

Accept everything about yourself--I mean everything, You are you and that is the beginning and the end--no apologies, no regrets.

--Clark Moustakas

YOU ARE A WRITER

And you have something unique to offer...

My Territories

-My TOPICS- things that interest you, things you would like to write about

-My GENRES- types of writing you are interested in, or would like to try

-My AUDIENCES- the people you intend to write for

MY TOPICS

- -my students- what they do and what it means
- My dog, Luna, who is the best friend I've ever had
- My parents, who they are, who they were, who they will become with age
- Disneyland- my happy place
- Adolescent girls and their relationships and dreams
- Grown-up romantic relationships
- The environment
- Zombies
- Video Games
- Mexico
- Geologic Disasters
- American History- especially the grit
- Conspiracy theories
- UFOS
- Dinosaurs
- Mental and emotional illnesses
- Shakespeare
- Gandhi
- animals

Your topics should be anything and everything you are interested in! Write down at least 20.

My Genres

- Memoirs
- Book Reviews
- Poetry
- Letters/emails
- Short Stories
- Young Adult Fiction
- True Narratives
- Fantasy
- Horror
- Comedy
- Graphic novel
- Lesson plans
- Notes home to your parents (my personal favorite...NOT)

Genres are different types and styles of writing that you want to try, or will have to write for your career. Write down at least 10.

My Audiences

- Myself
- My BFF
- My students (and their parents)
- My colleagues
- Disney lovers
- My dog
- Animal activists
- Young women/girls
- Teenagers
- Children of divorced parents
- Elected officials
- My community
- People who feel sad and hopeless

Audiences are who you want to write to and for.

Who could benefit from what you have to offer?

Who needs to hear your message?

Who will you be writing for in your career?

Write down at least 10.

Next...

- Well, now you have a variety of choices when it comes to writing in my class. Next time I give you time to free-write, and you can't think of anything, choose a topic, audience, and genre, and GO!
- Use this list throughout the year to help you think of ideas for papers, books, discussions, projects, etc.