

WHY DO I WRITE?

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Why do I write? It seems a simple enough question. Why would it be hard to answer? The answer is different for each person, so I will write my answer. No one else can write it for me. No one else knows me the way I do. Why do I write? I write for the person who cares for me. I write for the person who wants me to succeed. I write for the person who cheers me on in my attempts. I write for the person who consoles me in defeat. I write for the person who wants the best for me. I write for the person who loves me. I write to bring sunny days. I write to bring a smile to someone's face. I write to release feelings that can't be expressed without criticism. I write to feel free.

I am happy when I write. I am happy to achieve goals. I am happy to address the envelopes, put the stamps on them and drop them in the slot at the post office. It is a wonderful feeling to have hope. Writing brings hope and happiness to my life. Writing is the oasis in the desert that can be my life. Writing fills the void of a caring, loving partner. Writing makes me feel better about life and the people in it. Writing is good for the soul. Writing is happiness in pen and paper. Typing and writing by hand both work for different reasons and different purposes. Writing is a piece of me that I choose to share with others. The rest is for me. Enjoy and be happy in life. I write for myself.

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Follow Up Questions

1. Why is the answer to the title question different for each person?
2. Why can't anyone else write the answer to the title question for the author?
3. Why does the author write?
4. What is the author hoping for in the second paragraph?
5. Why would writing make the author feel better about her life and the people in it?
6. Who is the author addressing when she says "Enjoy and be happy in life"?
7. Who does the author write for?

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Follow Up Questions And Answers

1. Why is the answer to the title question different for each person? *The answer is different for each person because we all are individuals and the answer should be different for each person to show this difference.*
2. Why can't anyone else write the answer to the title question for the author? *No one else truly knows why a person does something. That question must be answered by each individual for it to be honest.*
3. Why does the author write? *The second half of the first paragraph answers this question, but the paragraph ends with the strongest reason to write to feel free.*
4. What is the author hoping for in the second paragraph? *The author doesn't state this answer in the story, but it could be for a reply to a letter to a friend or it could be to have some of her writing published.*
5. Why would writing make the author feel better about her life and the people in it? *The author doesn't state the answer to this question, but it could be that in the writing, people in life seem better than what they are in real life or that ill feelings are worked out on paper, instead of face to face which would make the author feel better for getting the feelings out, instead of carrying them around like excess baggage.*
6. Who is the author addressing when she says "Enjoy and be happy in life"? *The author is addressing the reader.*
7. Who does the author write for? *The author writes for herself.*