

Keeping a Writer's Notebook

During the summer, keep a writer's notebook to record your thoughts, ideas, questions, and stories. There are no limits to what you can write, and there is no "right" length for each entry, but do your best to write every day.

If you are in middle school, try to write approximately one page per day, and if you are in high school, try to write two pages per day. This is just an approximation, though. Shorter entries that are thoughtful are just as valuable as longer ones.

How do I start?

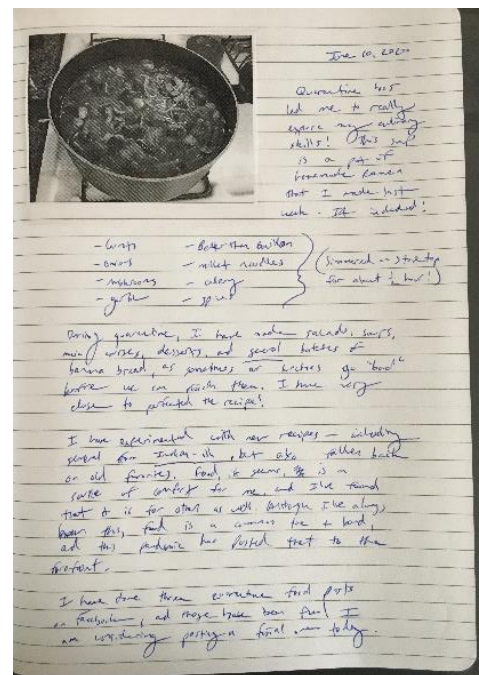
1. Get a notebook. A spiral-bound or composition notebook work equally well.
2. Have some fun personalizing your writer's notebook cover to make it your own.
3. Remember to include the date and time for each entry.



What do I write about each day?

In short, you can write about anything that's on your mind! If you need help getting started, think about the ideas listed below. (You can even glue these into your notebook!)

- Favorite quotes
- Interesting facts
- Dreams
- Concerns
- Questions
- Poems
- Song lyrics
- Recipes
- Reviews of TV shows, movies, or video games
- An object
- Lists of favorites—or least favorites
- Photographs
- Tweets
- Memes
- Infographics
- Articles
- Your own doodles
- Short stories
- Excerpts from literature



*If you are stuck, you can also Google writing prompts!

Kelly Gallagher <http://www.kellygallagher.org/instructional-materials>

NCTE <http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/start-writer-notebook-30601.html>

Penny Kittle <https://pennykittle.net/index.php?page=notebook-work>

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