

## The Writing Process

The writing process is exactly that – it’s a process. Finding inspiration isn’t as easy as picking it up off the shelf at the grocery store. Elvis didn’t just one day say, “Yeah, I’m going to run to the store and get some bread, peanut butter, bananas, and a box of inspiration.” No, when you write something great, there are many steps that need to be taken.

Inspiration is anything that triggers a response in you to create. What inspires you is always personal to you. It can be found listening to music, going to the park, talking to your grandma, or just sitting in your bedroom while staring at the ceiling. Inspiration can be found in different places. There is no real process to find it – sometimes it just happens when you are least expecting it.

Once you have your idea, you can start the writing process. This consists of five basic steps:

- Prewriting / Brainstorming – This allows writers to just get their ideas down
- Drafting – This is just your first draft, so don’t worry about spelling or grammar.
- Revising – This is when you look for areas to improve the content
- Editing – This is when you look for technical corrections like spelling and grammar
- Publishing – This is when you share your writing with an audience

Once you become more familiar with the process, you can manipulate it to fit your personal needs accordingly. Starting out though, it’s good to follow each of the steps. The writing process allows writers to focus on one aspect of writing at a time.

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