

## Free Writer Resources

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- ◆ Do **research** on your work
- ◆ **Write** your work
- ◆ **Illustrate** your work
- ◆ **Organize** your work
- ◆ **Check** your work
- ◆ **Publish** your work
- ◆ **Blog** about your work
- ◆ **Network** all for FREE

### Researching

- ◆ M-W.com - Merriam-Webster dictionary & thesaurus
- ◆ TheFreeDictionary.com - English, legal, computer and medical dictionaries, encyclopedia, thesaurus & a reference Library
- ◆ YourDictionary.com - language dictionaries
- ◆ OneLook.com - searches over 800 dictionaries
- ◆ Etymonline.com - etymological dictionary
- ◆ Reference.com - dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, & translator
- ◆ Wikipedia
- ◆ Google
- ◆ Encyclopedia.com
- ◆ FreeSoft.org - encyclopedia
- ◆ Refdesk.com
- ◆ Word Web - dictionary and thesaurus
- ◆ InfoPlease.com
- ◆ Encyclopedia.com - searches several online encyclopedias at once
- ◆ Symbols.com - the history and meaning of symbols
- ◆ Library of Congress
- ◆ History.com - historical information

### Help for Writers

- ◆ Write-em-CowGirls.com
- ◆ SelfEditingBlog.com
- ◆ WordOrigins.org
- ◆ AnthologiesOnline.com
- ◆ MyHiddenTalent.com - feedback on your writing
- ◆ En.Wikipedia.org/wiki/list\_of\_pseudonyms
- ◆ ImagesInScript.com - feedback on poetry and short stories
- ◆ WriteMarket.com - writing news

## Writing

- ◆ WordPress.com
- ◆ Open Office.com - word processor, spreadsheet, database, presentation & slideshow software
- ◆ RoughDraft - word processor for writers
- ◆ Jarte.com - word processor
- ◆ Zoho.com - Zoho Writer, Zoho Mail & Zoho Meeting
- ◆ Google Docs - multiple people can edit documents online

## Organizing

- ◆ Cozi.com - track schedules & activities
- ◆ HassleMe.co.uk - you need to see this one to believe it
- ◆ ChoreBuster.net
- ◆ ToDoList.com - to do list
- ◆ Remember the Milk - to do list
- ◆ My Note Wall - virtual sticky notes
- ◆ Evernote.com - virtual sticky notes

## Checking Work

- ◆ Article Checker - checks for duplicate online content
- ◆ The Owl at Purdue - grammar and style resources
- ◆ Perilsofpublishing.com/grammarguide.htm - grammar guide
- ◆ EnglishPlus.com/grammar - grammar help
- ◆ Elements of Style - writing book
- ◆ Graviax.com - grammar check
- ◆ Word Count Plus - Firefox add on
- ◆ Word Count Tracker - also counts pages and posts
- ◆ Widexel.com - meta tag analyzer
- ◆ DeadLinks.com - link checker
- ◆ Keyword Density Analyzer
- ◆ Google Analytics - useful and simple site traffic tool
- ◆ Textalyser.com - statistics about writing
- ◆ Citation Machine

## Illustrating

- ◆ BarrysClipArt.com
- ◆ Stock.xchng - royalty-free images
- ◆ Morguefile - royalty-free images
- ◆ Wikimedia Commons - some royalty-free images
- ◆ Flickr.com - some royalty-free images

## **Publishing**

- ◆ PerilsOfPublishing.com - information about publishing
- ◆ Self-Publishing.org - a comparison of print on demand publishers

## **Blogging**

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| ◆ Blogetery.com | ◆ Bravenet.com    | ◆ Weebly.com          |
| ◆ Blogsome.com  | ◆ Netcipia.com    | ◆ Windows Live Spaces |
| ◆ Blog.com      | ◆ ShoutPost.com   | ◆ WordPress.com       |
| ◆ Blogger.com   | ◆ Squarespace.com | ◆ Vox.com             |
| ◆ Blogr.com     | ◆ Terapad.com     |                       |
| ◆ Blogster.com  | ◆ Tumblr.com      |                       |

## **Networking**

- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ LinkedIn
- ◆ Twitter

## **Other Resources**

- ◆ Copyright.gov - U.S. government copyright website
- ◆ Benedict.com - copyright information
- ◆ Templetons.com/brad/copyrightmyths.html - copyright myths
- ◆ eff.org/issues/bloggers/legal - bloggers legal guide
- ◆ PayPal.com
- ◆ 7Zip - compress and archive files, useful for emailing large files
- ◆ FreelanceSwitch.com/rates - determine rates to charge clients