

# Creative Writing II

with Johnny Worthen



*Week 6 – A Life of Letters*

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## Today's Plan

- Workshop/Critique
- The Writer's Life
- Success



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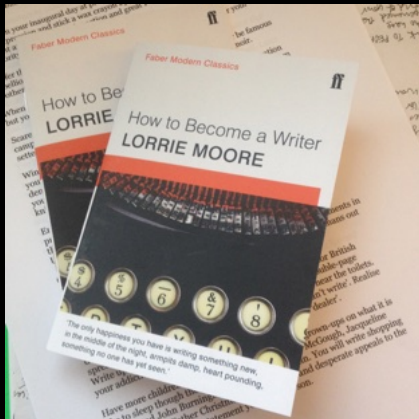
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# Workshop Homework

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## EXERCISE: Class Evaluations

- Complete a class evaluation form
  - Be kind
  - Be expressive
  - Use simile and alliteration
  - Show excitement (if that's appropriate)
- These help me a lot

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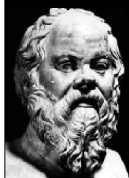
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Write what you know...

**Know a lot!**

**Keep Curious, Keep Learning.  
Have Experiences**



*"An unexamined life  
is not worth living"*

*-Socrates*

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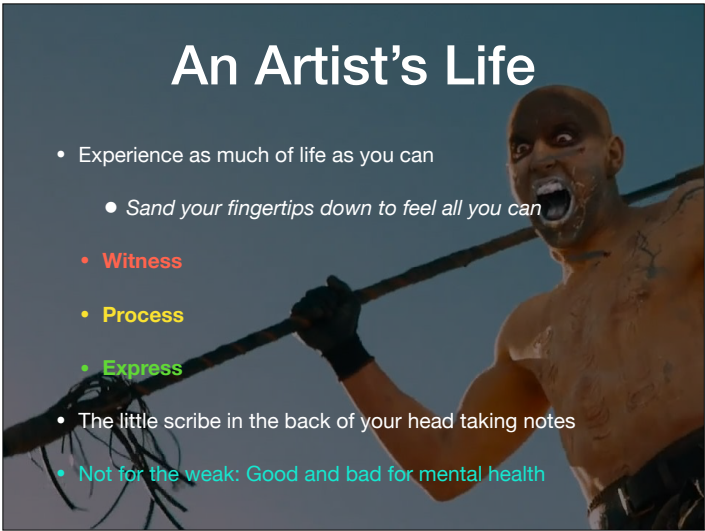
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# An Artist's Life

- Experience as much of life as you can
  - *Sand your fingertips down to feel all you can*
- **Witness**
- **Process**
- **Express**
- The little scribe in the back of your head taking notes
- Not for the weak: Good and bad for mental health



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# Art is Life

- Read good books
- Watch quality movies
- Listen to interesting music
  - *Experience with the soul of a poet*
  - *Study with the eye of a scientist*
  - *Learn with the mind of a philosopher*
  - *Join the conversation!*



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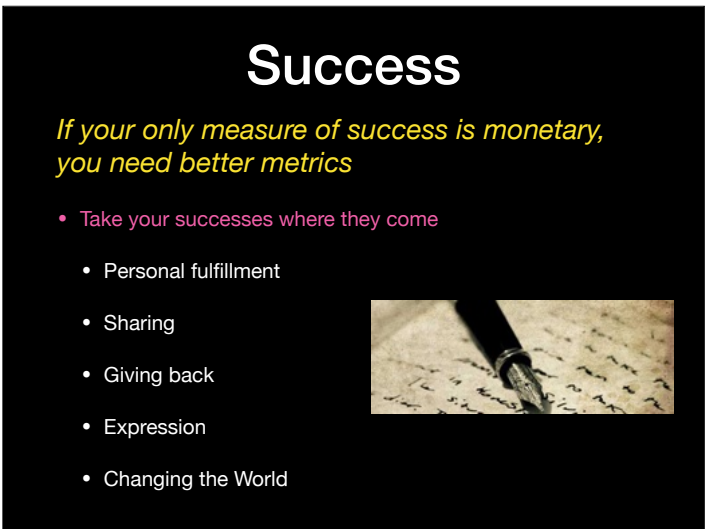
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# Success

*If your only measure of success is monetary, you need better metrics*

- Take your successes where they come
  - Personal fulfillment
  - Sharing
  - Giving back
  - Expression
  - Changing the World



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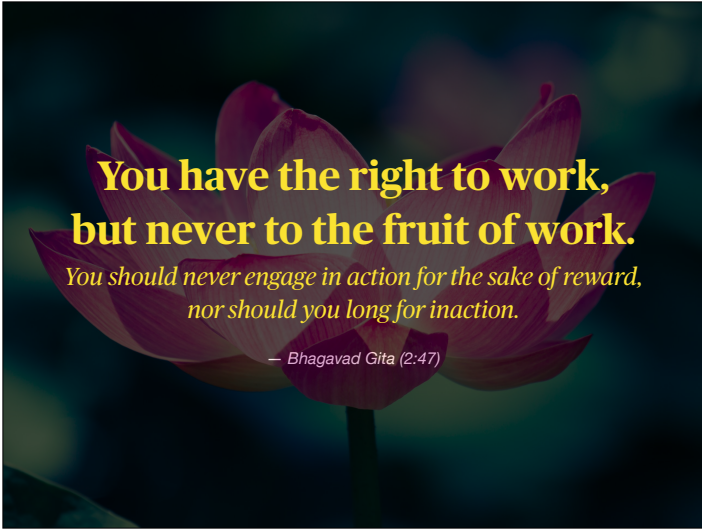
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## Going Forward

- More Lifelong Learning Classes
- **Conferences**
- Writing Groups
- Friends (all around you)
- **Start a Project**
  - and **FINISH** it
  - Write something else!



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*Inclusive One Day Writing Conference*




Write Where You Belong

The Pre-Quill Conference

**Johnny Worthen**  
Multiple-genre, tie-dye-wearing author

LeagueOfUtahWriters.com

April 20, 2024  
9am-7pm  
Tickets: \$30



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## Special Suggested Johnny Classes

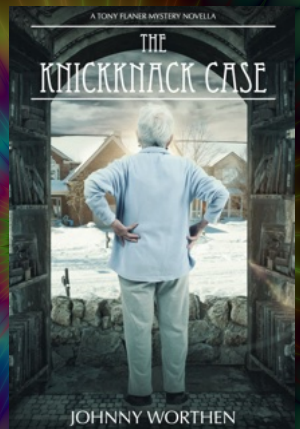
- Creative Writing Bootcamp
- Horror Bootcamp (Oct)
- **A Study in Mystery (Fall)**
- Something Cool (Spring)

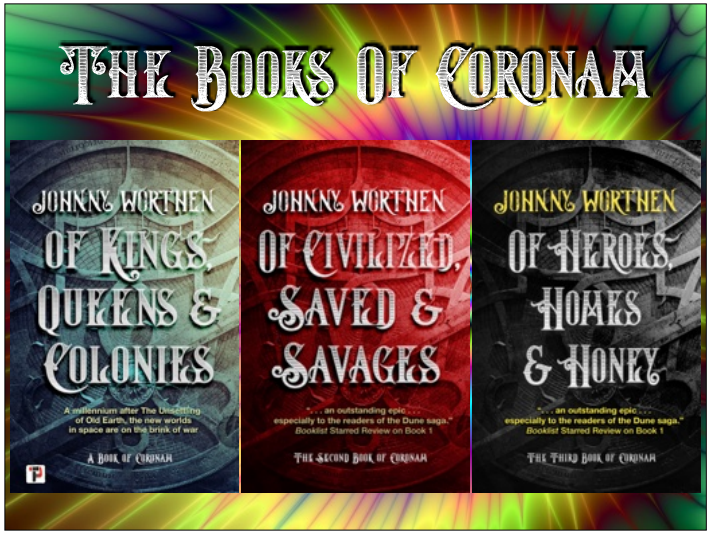


# Keep Writing

## Stay Connected

- Join my mailing list for a free book!
- On my home page
- [www.johnnyworthen.com](http://www.johnnyworthen.com)
- Do it.
- Do it now.
- [See my Events Page](#)





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