

## Writing Techniques Part 1: What Kind Of Writer Are You?

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**Find Your Voice** (Writer's Voice: What it is and how to develop yours - Simple Writing) • What is it? – Not necessarily your speaking voice; is learned; represents you

- Includes:
  - Speaking patterns (cadence),
  - Attitude (emotion),
  - Tone (spoken and mental; how said), and
- Personal style (words used, grammar, how sentences fit together) • Read for inspiration
- Plotter, Panster, or Planster** • Plotter – Can't Write Without an Outline
  - Panster – Driven by Inspiration
  - Planster – Plan the framework then let the story take on a life of its own

### Short Stories or Novels

- Short Stories – Each word matters so make it count
- Poetry – Rhyme or Freestyle
- Essays – Self-help or Controversial topics
- Novels – Hold a reader's attention for the long haul; overarching plot vs. subplots

### Setting Goals

(SMART Goals: Definition and Examples | Indeed.com) [Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time based]

- What's most important to you?
  - Prioritize
  - Remember to practice self-care
- Write goals down
  - Create a timeline
  - Word count or hours per day/week
  - What is feasible this year?
  - Include submissions

### Make a Plan

 • Use a calendar

- Daily goals
- Monthly goals
- Yearly goals
- Life happens, so don't sweat it
- Progress is Golden
  - Celebrate the small things
  - Keep track of Accomplishments

### Checklists

 • Website/Blog creation/upkeep

- Complete stories
- Planned Book releases
- Competitions
- Writing events
- Interviews
- Anything else, really