

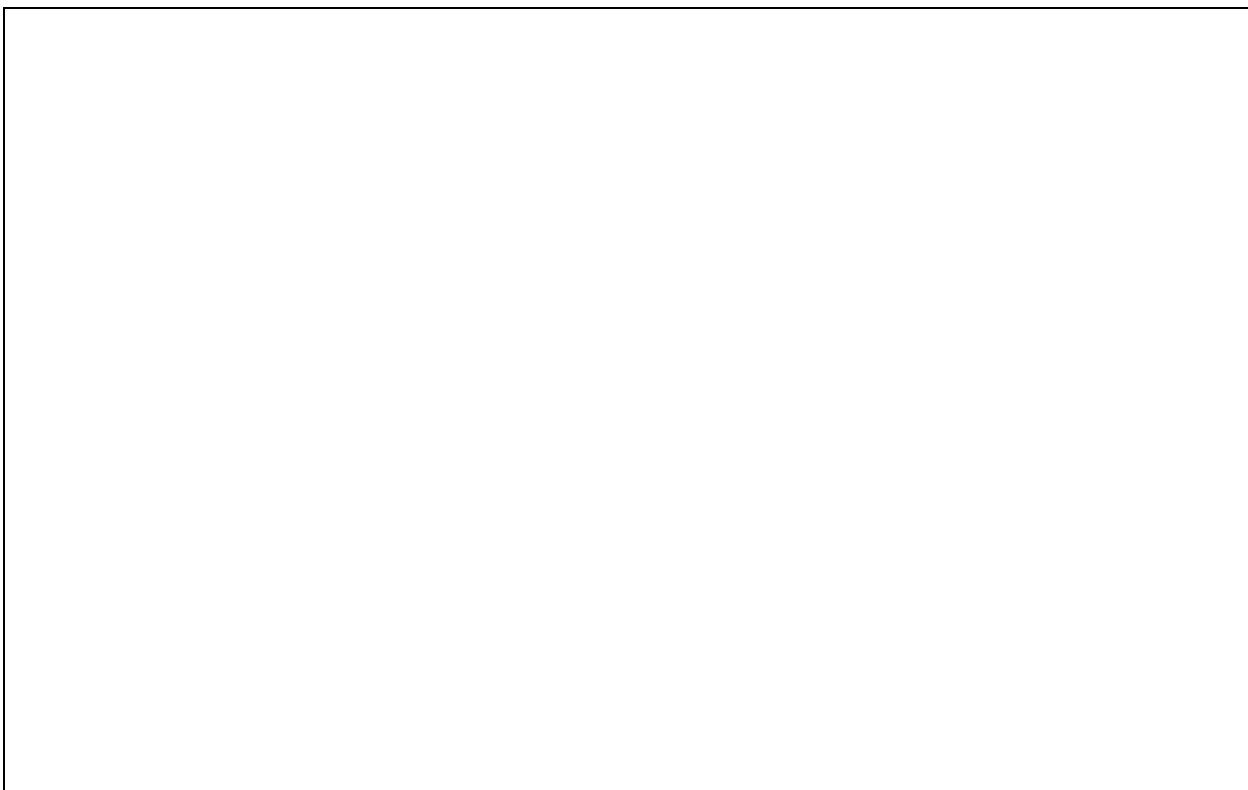
Self-Exploration for Writers

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4. My Life Experiences Related to Writing

What aspects of your life experience—education, career, culture and beliefs, travel, family and friends, conversations—have led you to dream of being a writer? Jot them down in a list or (better yet) make a mind map brainstorming web (not sure how? Some good ideas and templates here: <https://venngage.com/features/mind-map-maker>)



Putting your exploration into practice:

Now use your notes/web to **make a “writing resume.”** Include all your experiences and training that make you realize you are a writer. Even little things count; add them to your resume. Post your writing resume on your author website, your LinkedIn page, and other places where you tell the world that you are a writer. Post a copy above your computer to remind and inspire yourself. Be sure to add to it as your writing experiences and training grow.

Don’t forget to place this exercise in your “Self-Exploration for Writers” binder.